

**South Carolina State University Board of Trustees  
Names Building and Program in Honor of  
U. S. Congressman James E. Clyburn**

**ORANGEBURG, S. C.—JUNE 18, 2003**—On June 12, 2003, the Board of Trustees at South Carolina State University unanimously approved a landmark decision to rename an existing transportation program and to name an approved new facility, to be located on the historic campus, after U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn (SC-6).

As a result of the Board of Trustees' action, the former SCSU University Transportation Center has been renamed the "James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center" (UTC), and a new state-of-the-art Transportation Research and Conference Center, scheduled to break ground in the Spring of 2004, will bear the name "James E. Clyburn Transportation Research and Conference Center."

"I am humbled to be honored in this manner when assisting South Carolina State University is a labor of love for me," Congressman Clyburn said. "Since coming to Congress, transportation and infrastructure issues have become a passion that I have combined with my love for my alma mater. I believe SCSU is the perfect training ground for the next generation of transportation leaders, and these UTCs are the manifestation of that vision."

The decision was based on the recommendation of Dr. Clarence W. Hill, executive director of the SCSU Center of Excellence in Transportation and was subsequently approved by the administration and the Board. According to Dr. Hill, "We are proud of the accomplishments made by Congressman Clyburn, and I am pleased the University decided to honor him for his relentless support of the transportation programs at the University."

"When you think of transportation, the State of South Carolina, and South Carolina State University, it is only logical to think of Congressman Clyburn," said UTC associate director, Dr. Veretta J. Sabb.

Congressman Clyburn, a distinguished 1961 alumnus of South Carolina State University, has faithfully served in the U.S. House of Representatives for over ten years. He was a leader and a key negotiator in enacting the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), which established South Carolina State University as one of the 33 UTCs (now 27) located at selected colleges and universities throughout the nation. That legislation also increased South Carolina's returns from the federal highway trust fund by 89 percent. His TEA-21 efforts led the South Carolina Transportation Policy and Research Council to name him their 1999 "Transportation Advocate of the Year."

During his tenure, he has remained dedicated and steadfast in his support of the people of South Carolina as well as his alma mater. His support for transportation funding has been unending, resulting in over \$11 million in Federal funds for the University just in the last two years. The role of the UTC is to assist federal, state and local transportation agencies and the private sector with the development, maintenance and advancement of an efficient transportation system in South Carolina.

Congressman Clyburn's involvement in transportation policy has been significant in the growth of the SCSU Center of Excellence in Transportation's current programs, the University Transportation Center and the National Summer Transportation Institute and the inception of its newest program, the Southern Rural Transportation Center. The mission of these three programs is realized through transportation programs in research, education and technology transfer.

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