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McMASTER, Henry D. [R]—(Jan. 2017–22) Richland Co.—residing in the Governor's Mansion, Columbia; Atty.; *b.* May 27, 1947 in Columbia; *s.* John Gregg and Ida Dargan McMaster; *g.* Univ. of S.C., A.B., 1969, J.D., 1973; Mar. 18, 1978 *m.* Peggy Jean McAbee, 2 children, Henry, Jr. (Virginia) and Mary Rogers (Sam Herskovitz); admitted to S.C. Bar, Richland Co. Bar Assn.; completed Natl. Inst. for Trial Advocacy, 1974; Legis. Asst. to U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1973–74; admitted to practice in U.S. Court of Claims, 1974, U.S. Dist. Court, 1974, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1975, Supreme Court of the United States, 1978; apptd. by Pres. Ronald Reagan as U.S. Atty. for the Dist. of S.C., 1981; first U.S. Atty. in the nation apptd. by Pres. Reagan; instituted Operation Jackpot and other innovative and successful investigations; S.C. Law Enforcement Coordinating Com. head, 1981–85; U.S. Atty., 1981–85; Comm. on Higher Educ., 1991–94; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Policy Council, 1991–03, Chm., 1992–93; Chm., S.C. Rep. Party, 1993–02; mem., Rep. Natl. Com., 1993–02; S.C. Atty. Gen., 2003–11; initiated constitutional challenge by states to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, established criminal domestic violence courts and internet predator task force, expanded State Grand Jury's jurisdiction to gangs, securities fraud, and environmental crimes, brought and won U.S. Supreme Court case against N.C. to protect the Catawba River basin in S.C.; S.C. State Ports Authority, 2011–15; Co-Chm., S.C. Ethics Reform Comm., 2012–13; Cola. Rotary Club; Kappa Alpha Order; St. Andrews Soc.; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 1996; mem., First Presbyterian Church, Columbia; mil. serv.: USAR (JAG), 1969–75; Lt. Gov., Nov. 4, 2014–Jan. 24, 2017; assumed office of Governor on Jan. 24, 2017 and was elected to his first full term as governor on November 6, 2018, serving continuously since.

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