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**McMASTER, Henry D.** [R]—(Jan. 2017–27) 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 Roach) 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; Nominated Donald J. Trump for president July 19, 2016, Rep. Natl. Convention, Cleveland, Ohio; Honorary Chm., 2024 Rep. Natl. Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; appt. to the Council of Governors by Pres. Joseph Biden (2023–25) and by Pres. Donald Trump (2025–); Honorary degrees: Univ. of S.C., S.C. State Univ., Limestone Univ., North Greenville Univ., Newberry Coll., Anderson Univ., Erskine

Coll.; Cola. Rotary Club; Kappa Alpha Order; St. Andrews Soc.; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 1996; Sons of the Amer. Revolution; mem., First Presbyterian Church, Columbia; mil. serv.: USAR (JAG), 1969–75; Lt. Gov., Nov. 4, 2014–Jan. 24, 2017; assumed office of Gov. on Jan. 24, 2017; elected Gov. Nov. 6, 2018; elected to a second full term as Gov. Nov. 8, 2022.

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