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Delegation Visiting Charleston from Flers, France

Charleston, S.C.—Today at 11 a.m. the French flag will be raised over City Hall in anticipation of the arrival of a delegation visiting from Flers, France, Feb. 28 – March 4. It will fly atop City Hall for the duration of the visit.

The delegation includes:

- Mayor Yves Goasdoué and Flora Goasdoué
- Mr. Alain and Mrs. Yvette Lerichomme - Municipal Counselor
- Inès Chate' – Municipal Counselor/Delegate for Twinning
- Marion Poussier – Director of Cabinet for Deputy Mayor
- Youssef Zeniter – Director of Economic Development and Territory Attraction
- Christophe Alligne' – General Manager of Deputy Services
- Eric / Fauconnier – Director of the Cabinet of the Deputy-Mayor
- Bernard Soul – Mayor of Domfront, Orne Provence

Tonight, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg will recognize the delegation at the Charleston City Council meeting.

“I was honored a few years ago to have the opportunity to visit Flers, France to see the beautiful city, meet the lovely people and learn more about our shared history. I am happy now to host this esteemed delegation in Charleston. I hope they enjoy their visit here as much as I Sandy and I enjoyed our visit to their fine city.”

The connection between Flers and Charleston dates back to World War II. In 1948, Charleston resident William Montgomery Bennett organized a grassroots movement and collected over 120 tons of materials to be shipped to Flers, located in the Normandy region, to help reinvigorate the town which had been devastated by the war. The effort became known as the “Medway Plan.”

To honor Charleston and show its appreciation, Flers named a town square the Place Du Charleston, or “Charleston Place.”

To renew the friendship between the cities, Flers hosted a delegation from Charleston in 2014 that included now Mayor Tecklenburg and City Councilmember Bill Moody, during which they held a rededication of Charleston Place.

On Thursday, March 2, Mayor Tecklenburg will hold a plaque dedication ceremony with members of the delegation to recognize the “Medway Plan.” The ceremony will be held at 9 a.m., at the intersection of N. Adgers Wharf and Concord Street, the southern edge of Waterfront Park.

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