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## Bill Clinton Visits the Peace Center

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GREENVILLE, S.C. - President Bill Clinton packed out Greenville's Peace Center, Tuesday.

He talked about education, cooperation and honored his friend, former South Carolina Governor, Dick Riley.

"I consider all of you my friends, some of you out there may be considered my very best friends," said Riley, the event's honoree.

In that category for Riley's best friend was Tuesday's special guest, Clinton. Clinton appointed Riley Secretary of Education during all 8 years of his administration. It was a wise move, joked Clinton, when faced with a sold out crowd.

"Whenever possible, be introduced by somebody you've given a good job to," he said.

Still, jokes were only scattered throughout the nearly 40 minute address. Instead, he focused on Riley's legacy and his mission to elevate education in South Carolina through Furman University's Riley Institute.

Midway, the speech took a political turn, albeit bipartisan. He had a message to our nation's lawmakers, he said, bent on arguing

"We have to argue with a purpose of agreement to get the show on the road," said Clinton.

He added that was a message for all of us, referring to Riley as the ultimate cooperater and a benchmark looking forward.

"The future will belong, in my opinion, to people who try to cultivate our interesting differences, but are grounded in the simple fact that our common humanity matters more," said Clinton.

The event helped support the Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman University in Greenville. The Institute is working towards a permanent endowment to fund their mission of education renewal.

They said Clinton's presence brings them closer to this goal.

Tickets for the event sold out weeks ago.



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