

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Honors Clemson Golf Team**

*WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) today honored Clemson's men's golf team in a statement to the U.S. House of Representatives.*

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable achievement. In May of this year, the Clemson Tigers men's golf team from my great state of South Carolina won the NCAA Division I golf championship in dramatic fashion, edging out the Oklahoma State Cowboys by two strokes on their own course.

"The team was led by Senior D.J. Trahan, the number one ranked college golfer for much of this year, and Sophomore Jack Ferguson, who was ranked in the top 25 for most of the year. Trahan finished 22<sup>nd</sup> with a four round 299 to become the only Clemson player ever with four top 25 finishes, and Ferguson finished 19<sup>th</sup> with a team best four round 298. Also anchoring the team were Junior Matt Hendrix, Junior Gregg Jones, and Senior Ben Duncan, who finished tied for 35<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, and 52<sup>nd</sup> respectively.

"My hat goes off to Coach Larry Penley and the entire squad for their remarkable 124-8-3 record this year, and for bringing Clemson their first ever national golf championship. They have made our state very proud. It gives me even greater pride to see that every member of the Clemson team makes their home in South Carolina. If this keeps up, we may start to see athletes drinking sweet tea instead of Gatorade.

"On top of their golf achievements, I am proud that each of these young men will leave with a Clemson academic degree. With that background, I am sure they will be as successful in life as they have been in golf."

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