

**News from U.S. Reps. Jim Clyburn (D-SC) and John Spratt (D-SC)
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Clyburn, Spratt Secure Funds for Science South

WASHINGTON – U.S. Reps. Jim Clyburn (D-SC) and John Spratt (D-SC) today announced \$100,000 in federal funds for the development of Science South, a museum to document the cultural and natural heritage of the Pee Dee region in South Carolina. The funding was included in a spending bill Congress passed Thursday night.

Science South will use a combination of indoor and outdoor exhibits to demonstrate the interaction of people and their natural surroundings in South Carolina. It is expected to be located near Interstate 95 in the Pee Dee. The museum will be designed as a center of learning for school children and Pee Dee residents, as well as an attraction for tourists traveling along Interstate 95.

"I have a strong commitment to building this first class science and technology center that will serve the 650,000 residents of this region, and help draw visitors from around the South," Clyburn said. "This funding comes on the heels of a \$500,000 federal investment last fiscal year, which will significantly advance this community-driven project."

"The rich history of the Pee Dee region in South Carolina has been under appreciated," Spratt said. "From 16th century settlement, to the Revolutionary War, to today, the people of the Pee Dee have had a positive impact on the natural environment, the state of South Carolina, and the nation. Science South will play a crucial role in making their story known. I am proud to be able to be a part of this effort."

Clyburn is a senior member of the Appropriations Committee and Spratt is the top Democrat on the Budget Committee.

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