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## Time magazine honors Riley with top 10 ranking

### Former governor noted for role in Clinton cabinet

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Former South Carolina governor and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, now a Greenville lawyer, has been ranked among the top 10 presidential cabinet members of the 20th century by Time magazine for his eight-year tenure under President Clinton.

Riley was named alongside former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and George Marshall, of the post-World War II Marshall Plan.

The magazine, which compiled its top 10 list as part of the run-up to Barack Obama's cabinet selections, praised Riley for his work improving academic standards, expanding college grants and making education more accessible for lower-income families.

Current Defense Secretary Robert Gates and former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole were also on the list, as well as former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace, Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Environmental Protection Agency administrator William Ruckelshaus.

Riley, governor from 1979 until 1987, was state chairman of Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. After Clinton's election, he served as personnel director for the transition team, then as education secretary for eight years. He now practices corporate and education law at the Greenville office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough.