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In 2014, he was named the Industry Person of the Year from the Independent Agents and Brokers of South Carolina. In 2017, Mr. Farmer received The Order of the Palmetto from Governor Haley, the state's highest civilian honor awarded to citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance. In 2018, Mr. Farmer oversaw the passing of the Data Security Law—a law that is the first in the nation to require insurance companies to have a comprehensive and secure plan to protect consumer data. Mr. Farmer also has the honor of being elected to serve as the President for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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