



C O L U M B I A A U D U B O N S O C I E T Y

23 June 2003

The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings
125 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hollings:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 700+ members of Columbia Audubon Society. We want to express our full support for your legislation to change the Congaree Swamp National Monument to National Park and to expand the boundary.

No other area in the Southeast is of comparable geological and biological significance. The park has been recognized as a National Natural Landmark, an International Biosphere, Globally Important Bird Area, and a Wetlands of International Importance. Anything that can be done to raise awareness of this important resource and to protect it by boundary expansion is a positive step that we support.

Thank you once again for your efforts on behalf of our natural and national heritage.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Tufford
President and Conservation Chair