

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, ON THE FREEDOM TRAIN, COLUMBIA, SOUTH  
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All high school students should take an enthusiastic interest in "The Freedom Train", which will be in Columbia on December 11. The opportunity to see the original historic documents which the train carries will be a thrilling experience for us all.

"The Freedom Train" is a "travelling shrine" which exhibits over 100 precious documents of American history. Included are such important papers as the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. It is interesting to recall that four South Carolinians - Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., and Arthur Middleton - signed the Declaration of Independence, and four others signed the Constitution - Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler, J. Rutledge, and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.

In viewing these historic papers, which have influenced our thought and guided our actions for so many years, millions of Americans will gain a new realization of the heritage bequeathed to us by the men who founded our Republic and made it great.

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