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Acceptance of the Honorary State Chairmanship of the Charleston Azalea Festival. 1948 March 5.

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STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE HONORARY STATE
CHAIRMENSHIP OF THE CHARLESTON AZALEA FESTIVAL
(APRIL 13-16), MARCH 5, 1948.

The officers and directors of the Charleston Azalea Festival
have appointed me Honorary State Chairman for that notable celebration. This
year, the Festival will be staged from April 13 through April 16.

In the years since the Festival was inaugurated, it has become
a South Carolina institution. Its fine pageantry, its gaiety, its pleasant
charm, have made the occasion nationally famous. The celebration gives a worthy
greeting to Spring in South Carolina.

The Azalea Festival, appropriately set against the background
of the ancient-modern city of Charleston, is a first-class spectacle. I have
received keen pleasure at the past Festivals and am looking forward to attend-
ing this one. I urge South Carolinians and people from other states to make
special effort to attend the Charleston Azalea Festival.