

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE HONORARY STATE
CHAIRMANSHIP 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 attending this one. I urge South Carolinians and people from other states to make special effort to attend the Charleston Azalea Festival.