A PROCLAMATION

(Army Day)

WHEREAS, the Army of the United States is a bulwark of our country's strength in time of peril and the faithful guardian of our dearly bought liberty in time of peace, and has since the inception of our Nation stood between our freedom loving people and all aggressors, and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of our Army continue in active service as loyal servants of our democracy, whose purpose is to insure the establishment of justice, tranquility, and an enduring peace, and

WHEREAS, the heroic sacrifices of our Army should be recognized to the fullest; now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim April 6 as ARMY DAY, and urge all citizens to give special recognition to our Army, to reflect that our Army cannot promote the firm establishment of peace and good order in the territories of our defeated enemies without the support of our people, and to be ever mindful of the Army's needs so that our soldiers may never lack the means to perform their duties effectively.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor