STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR USE IN PROGRAM 12th ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA STATE-WIDE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CONFERENCE. SEPTEMBER 16, 1949.

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Gentlemen:

I always look forward with a great deal of interest to the annual South Carolina State-wide Industrial Safety Conference, because I realize the tremendous contribution these annual meetings have made to our State's important safety program.

The South Carolina Industrial Commission deserves the gratitude of all our people for their sponsorship of this intelligent effort to find new ways and means of preventing accidents and saving lives in our industrial concerns.

It is difficult for the average person to realize the vital necessity for cooperative work among all groups to promote safety. Most people find it hard to believe that accidents cause more human suffering and destroy more human lives than all the wars we participate in. The facts and figures of the great national accident toll must be brought to the attention of the public in every possible manner, until every citizen is made to realize his duty in the promotion of safety.

This is a job for all of us, and we must work at it diligently and unceasingly for the sake of the welfare of our people.

Sincerely yours,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor