

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Coast Guard Memorial Week)

WHEREAS the Coast Guard Academy is a recognized institute of training taking its place with academies of the Army and Navy who have chapels on their campus for religious worship, and

WHEREAS the U. S. Coast Guard recognizes the importance of religious worship in molding the character of a cadet while in training, and

WHEREAS it was not until July 21, 1947, that the 80th Congress authorized the construction of a chapel and the acceptance of private contributions to assist in defraying the cost of construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby call attention of the citizens of this State to the period of April 6 to April 16 which has been designated as Coast Guard Week, as a tribute to those members of the Coast Guard who gave their lives for liberty and freedom.

And, Further, to establish a Perpetual Memorial I invite attention of the citizens of this State to the opportunity afforded to contribute to the building of a chapel for this purpose at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

Given under my hand and seal
this 5th day of April, in
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor