On behalf of the State of South Carolina, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes to the people of Sumter and their guests during the celebration of their Tenth Annual Iris Festival and Sumter's Sesquicentennial.

The keynote of Sumter's success during her 150 years, in becoming one of the leading cities in South Carolina and the home of the famous Iris Festival, is largely due to the progressive and industrious attitude of her people and their friendly hospitality.

It is with great pride and satisfaction that the people of South Carolina look to Sumter on this occasion, and I am sure that their heartfelt good will is with the people of Sumter during this celebration.