

ADDRESS BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON TELEVISION BROADCAST CELEBRATING OPENING OF NEW WBT TELEVISION STATION, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. FILMED IN COLUMBIA, SEPTEMBER 20, 1950.

GOV. SCOTT: . . .  
And to wonder what the Governor of South Carolina would say to the Governor of North Carolina on an occasion such as this. Governor Thurmond!"

GOV. THURMOND:  
He might say something like this, Governor Scott!  
South Carolina is proud to take part in these dedication ceremonies, celebrating the beginning of direct television to the Carolinas. To the staff of W B T V, I convey the heartiest congratulations of the people of South Carolina. Then may I interject this thought. Since WBTV is the Carolinas first television station ... and since it is located close to the South Carolina line and covers just about as much of South Carolina as North Carolina... we consider it a South Carolina station too. It's only a geographical accident that Charlotte happens to be a few miles north of a line it should be a few miles south of. Therefore we of South Carolina take pardonable pride in this first day of direct television for our station.

Today we're marking a great step forward! And the future holds a promise that we shall all eagerly await. Who can predict what television will mean to the people of the Carolinas with its power to influence and educate! This is a happy day for North Carolina... it is also a source of pride to South Carolina. Once again may I say that I'm delighted to extend the greetings of the people of South Carolina to Television Station W B T V . . . on this, their first day of direct cable television. And now... back to Charlotte and Mr. Charles H. Crutchfield.