

A PROCLAMATION

(Thomas Alva Edison Day)

WHEREAS, the years since the turn of the century have seen this Nation achieve industrial and scientific preeminence among the nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, this preeminence was largely built upon the foundation laid by Thomas Alva Edison through his inventions of the electric light and system of electric generation and distribution, the phonograph, motion pictures and many other discoveries which brought into being new industries and employment for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies for the world the success which can be achieved under our American system of individual initiative by men who are willing to put their ability to work for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the full measure of his contributions will continue to grow and make itself increasingly evident in the lives of us all in the years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, proclaim February 11, 1950, the 103rd anniversary of the inventor's birth, as Thomas Alva Edison Day in fitting tribute to the memory of this American. I urge all citizens to contemplate the benefits which have accrued to us from the work of this man and the promise for the future which is to be found in his life and work as a testimonial to the American way of life.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 9th day of February in  
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen  
Hundred and Fifty.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor