

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Engineers Day)

WHEREAS, June 16 marks the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Corps of Engineers - U. S. Army by the Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, from that day to this, through their zeal, courage, and resolute spirit, this splendid body of trained engineers has crossed the seas and bridged the rivers to reach our enemies in times of war, and in times of peace has improved and opened the nation's harbors to world trade and labored to harness our rivers for protection against floods, for the generation of hydro-electric power, and for the extension and advancement of water-borne commerce; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Corps of Engineers - U. S. Army, in peace and in war, challenge us to contemplate with thoughtful admiration the monuments to humanity which they have erected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the day of June 16, 1950 as Engineers Day and urge the citizens of this State to pay homage to their past accomplishments, to their honored dead, to their mighty war efforts, and pledge our support to their progress and constructive works.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 7 day of June, in  
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen  
Hundred and Fifty.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor