

PRESS RELEASE
OFFICE OF SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-S.C.)
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11--A group of students at Ridge Spring (S.C.) High School, where Senator Strom Thurmond taught school in 1925-26, (D-S.C.)/ ~~began his teaching career in 1923~~, has requested permission to name the school's Future Teachers of America Club in honor of the senator.

Thurmond received the request this week from Miss Ann Salter, club secretary, and he promptly accepted the honor. The future teacher's club will be named the "Strom Thurmond Club."

In replying to Miss Salter's request, Thurmond said:

"I appreciate your letter greatly. It is an honor for the Ridge Spring High School students who intend to become teachers to consider naming the club for me.

"I shall be honored to have you do so, and I wish for each of you a successful school year and a bright future. I am sure that the sincerity which is evident in your approach to your work will assure you of both these things."

Thurmond Hall, the Home Economics building at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., and a prominent street in Edgefield, S. C., the senator's hometown, already bear his name.

Thurmond began his teaching career at Ridge Spring in 1923 upon his graduation from Clemson College.