

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR IN TRIBUTE
TO GENERAL SUMMERALL, MAY 17, 1955

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Mr. President, since we last met on Friday, death has removed from the national scene one of America's most distinguished soldiers and educators, General Charles P. Summerall of Aiken, South Carolina, which is also my home town. General Summerall served his country as a soldier with distinction for almost 40 years, capping his Army career by serving as Army Chief of Staff during the period 1926 through 1930.

His brilliant record as a soldier contains many achievements; among them are 15 ribbons for major decorations awarded him for personal bravery, efficiency, and leadership in the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion, World War I, and for outstanding service in time of peace as well as war. We in South Carolina, however, remember the beloved General even more for the outstanding role played by him as an educator in our State. After serving his country for approximately 40 years as a soldier, General Summerall then began another distinguished career as president of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. Here he served for 22 years, developing The Citadel into one of the nation's nine distinguished military colleges. While president of The Citadel, General Summerall built up the cadet corps from 600 to more than 1800. Also, under his presidency, the number of buildings on the campus increased by almost a score. As a soldier, he naturally strengthened the military standards of our great school, but, in addition, he raised the scholastic standards there to a new high.

South Carolina, ~~in~~ the nation, and the entire world will sorely miss this great soldier, educator, and Christian gentleman. I ask

unanimous consent at this time to have placed in the Record along with my remarks an editorial from the Aiken Standard and Review of May 16 entitled "Death Removes a Great Man", and also a news story from the Augusta Chronicle of May 15 entitled "Summerall Last Rites to be Held at Arlington".

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