

STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR ON
RETIREMENT OF COLONEL BOYER, JANUARY 24, 1956. (57-5)

Mr. President, reserve officers of our armed services/received with regrets recently/the news that Colonel C. M. (Count) Boyer (USAR-Ret.) will resign this year from his duties as Executive Director of the Reserve Officers Association.

As a former president of the ROA, I have had the pleasure of working very closely with Colonel Boyer on many occasions. I, like others who know him intimately, have found him to be an outstanding American citizen soldier/who has made immeasurable contributions toward keeping our nation prepared against enemy attack through his advocacy of a strong combat-ready reserve.

This great citizen soldier has served his country as a reserve officer for more than 30 years, and he has worked with the ROA for ten years. During the ~~4~~ years he has served as executive director of the ROA, Colonel Boyer has reflected the views of reserve officers on Capitol Hill, at the Pentagon, and at the White House. His success in fulfilling his many responsibilities/can be measured to some degree by the high respect which has been rendered to him by legislators, government officials, and officers of our military services.

I regret to see Colonel Boyer retire, but I feel that his is a well-deserved retirement. It is a comfort to know that he will be retained by the ROA as a consultant on reserve affairs.

At this point I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record/an article from the Army Times of January 14, ¹⁹⁵⁶ entitled "Boyer to End Active Decade With ROA Next April or June."

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