

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN THE SENATE ON THE
LATE SENATOR WALTER GEORGE, AUGUST 12, 1957

Mr. President, the people of South Carolina have always felt a common bond with the people of Georgia. Events that have made the people of one ^{of these} States happy/have made the people of the other happy also. Events which have made Georgians sorrow and grieve/have also made South Carolinians sorrowful.

The Nation and the world have lost a great man in ^{the death of} ~~losing~~ Senator Walter George. But Georgia has lost a son and a man/who attained honor and greatness for himself and for his native State/through his masterful achievements in government. As the people of Georgia mourn the loss of Senator George, so mourn the people of my State.

Shakespeare wrote that "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Senator George came neither in the first or third categories. He could only be classified as a man who achieved greatness — a man/who through his own efforts/stood on a pinnacle which few ever reach.

I regret that I did not have the opportunity to serve with him longer in the Senate. But I shall never forget the solemn quiet/which fell upon this chamber/whenever he arose to express his views and opinions/on matters of vital import. His impact on matters before the Senate was something felt, not so much because of what he said, as because of the man who was saying it.

This Nation owes a debt of gratitude to Senator George, for the part he played ^{on behalf of humanity, his achievements in} ~~to create~~ a strong defense establishment, and in ^{developing} ~~creating~~ a bi-partisan approach to foreign affairs.

But above the specific attainments of the Senator and

Ambassador, we who were his colleagues/owe him a debt for his lessons in statesmanship. He was a man who placed his convictions above convenience/when he came to consider what was best/for his State and Nation.

a poet once said:

"When a ~~great~~ man dies,
For years beyond his kin,
The light he leaves behind him
will shine upon the path of men."

Mr. President, the light left by
Sen. George will be a guide post
for generations yet unborn.