STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON CANCER
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The South Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society paid me a high compliment by inviting me to make the greeting address. I am very sorry I will be unable to meet with this fine organization.

Much research has been done by experts but cancer has not been conquered yet. I want to congratulate you on the splendid work which has been done in the past and assure you of my cooperation in your unrelenting fight on cancer.

Throughout America our people are waging a determined fight against one of the worst killers of all—cancer.

The 1947 General Assembly appropriated a half million dollars for a cancer clinic to be set up in our State. This is a step forward for South Carolina.

Because cancer has taken an ever-increasing number of lives each year, and will kill more than 180,000 Americans in 1947 alone, it is imperative that all of us awaken to the menace of cancer, and unite in attempting to find a way to eradicate it, and I want to assure all of you that I will do everything I can to aid you in securing the facilities needed to carry on this fight on cancer.