

SOUTH CAROLINA

(Population 1998, 3,836,000)

SENATORS

STROM THURMOND, Republican, of Aiken, SC; attorney and educator; committees: chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee; ranking member, Judiciary; senior member, Veterans' Affairs. Family: born December 5, 1902, in Edgefield, SC; son of John William and Eleanor Gertrude (Strom) Thurmond; married Jean Crouch, 1947 (deceased January 6, 1960); married Nancy Moore, 1968; four children: Nancy Moore (deceased April 14, 1993), James Strom II, Juliana Gertrude, and Paul Reynolds. *Education*: 1923 graduate of Clemson University; studied law at night under his father, admitted to South Carolina bar, 1930, and admitted to practice in all federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. *Professional career*: teacher and athletic coach (1923–29), county superintendent of education (1929–33), city attorney and county attorney (1930–38), State Senator (1933–38), circuit judge (1938–46), Governor of South Carolina (1947–51), serving as chairman of Southern Governors Conference (1950); practiced law in Edgefield, SC (1930–38) and in Aiken, SC (1951–55); adjunct professor of political science at Clemson University and distinguished lecturer at the Strom Thurmond Institute; member, President's Commission on Organized Crime and Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. *Military service*: Reserve officer for 36 years; while serving as judge, volunteered for active duty in World War II the day war was declared against Germany; served with Headquarters First Army (1942–46), American, European, and Pacific theaters; participated in Normandy invasion with 82nd Airborne Division and landed on D-day; awarded 5 battle stars and 18 decorations, medals, and awards, including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V", Purple Heart, Belgian Order of the Crown, and French Croix de Guerre; major general, U.S. Army Reserves. *Honors and awards*: past national president of Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States (1954–55); Clemson University Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award (1961), Clemson Medallion (1981) and Clemson University Athletic Hall of Fame (1983); Disabled American Veterans Outstanding and Unselfish Service Awards (1964 and 1981); Military Order of World Wars Distinguished Service Award (1964); Order of AHEPA Dedicated Public Service Award (1968); WIS Radio-TV (Columbia, SC) "South Carolinian of the Year" (1968); 33rd degree Mason (1969); first president of ROA to receive "Minuteman of the Year Award" (1971); Noncommissioned Officers Association L. Mendel Rivers Award for Legislative Action (1971); Congressional Medal of Honor Society National Patriots Award (1974); The Retired Officers Association Distinguished Service Award (1974); Association of U.S. Army Distinguished Service Citation (1974); American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award (1975); Medal of the Knesset, Israel (1982); Distinguished Service Medal (1984); Military Order of the Purple Heart Congressional Award (1976); AMVETS Silver Helmet Congressional Award (1977); Veterans of Foreign Wars Dwight D. Eisenhower Service Award (1977) and Congressional Award (1985); Touchdown Club of Washington, DC, "Mr. Sam" Award for contributions to sports (1978); South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association Service Award (1980); Navy League of U.S. Meritorious Service Citation (1980); American Judges Association Distinguished Service Citation (1981); South Carolina Hall of Fame (1982); Audie Murphy Patriotism Award (1982); National Guard Association of United States, Harry S. Truman Distinguished Service Award (1982); New York Board of Trade "Textile Man of the Year" (1984); Napoleon Hill Gold Medal Humanitarian Achievement Award (1985); Order of the Palmetto Award; Presidential Citizens Medal by President Ronald Reagan, 1989; Noncommissioned Officers Association Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award, 1990; Adjutants General Association of the United States, George Washington Freedom Award, 1991; U.S. Marshals Service America's Star Award, 1991; ROA; Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush, 1992; over 20 honorary degrees; numerous Watchdog of the Treasury awards and Guardian of Small Business awards. International awards: Order of Distinguished Diplomatic Service Merit Medal, South Korea (1974); Order of Kim Khanh Award, Republic of Vietnam (1975); Grand Cross in the Order of Orange-Nassau, the Netherlands (1982); numerous other distinctions; U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame Medal (1994); Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association Hall of Fame Medal (1995). Named in his honor: Thurmond Hall at Winthrop College, SC (1939); Strom Thurmond High School, Edgefield County, SC (1961); Strom Thurmond Student Center, Charleston Southern University at Charleston, SC (1972); Strom Thurmond Federal Building, Columbia, SC (1975); The Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs at The Strom Thurmond Center for Excellence in Government and Public Service at Clemson University, Clemson, SC (1981); Strom Thurmond Chairs and Scholarships (1981), and Strom Thurmond Auditorium (1982) at University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC; life-sized statue erected on Edgefield town square by people of Edgefield County, SC (1984), and on streets in several South Carolina cities; Strom Thurmond Lake, Dam and Highway, Clarks Hill, SC, 1987; Strom Thurmond Mall, Columbia, SC, 1988; has endowed 52 scholarships at 45 colleges and universities, and established the Strom

Thurmond Foundation, which assists in educating 80 to 100 needy, worthy students annually; Strom Thurmond Soldier Service Center, Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC, 1991; Strom Thurmond Room, U.S. Capitol, 1991; Strom Thurmond Highway (Interstate 20 from the Georgia Line to Florence, SC), 1992; Strom Thurmond Biomedical Research Center, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC (1993); Strom Thurmond National Guard Armory, Edgefield, SC (1994). *Memberships and affiliations:* Baptist; Shriner; South Carolina and American bar associations; numerous defense, veterans, civic, fraternal, and farm organizations. *Political activities:* States Rights Democratic candidate for president of the United States (1948), carrying four states and receiving 39 electoral votes; delegate to six Democratic national conventions (chairman of South Carolina delegation and national committeeman, 1948); switched from Democratic to Republican Party (September 16, 1964); delegate to five Republican national conventions (chairman of South Carolina delegation, 1984); elected to the U.S. Senate, November 2, 1954, as a write-in candidate (first person in U.S. history elected to a major office in this manner) for term ending January 3, 1961; resigned as U.S. Senator April 4, 1956, to place the office in a primary, pursuant to a promise made to the people during the 1954 campaign; renominated and reelected to the Senate in 1956, resuming duties on November 7, 1956; reelected for each succeeding term; served as president pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, 1981–87, and currently since 1995.

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