

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Statement on Senator Strom Thurmond**

*WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) today issued the following statement on Senator Strom Thurmond, who died last night at the age of 100.*

“Senator Thurmond spent his life in service to his country, and left a record with few parallels, in South Carolina or anywhere else.

“Over his hundred years, he did many good things for South Carolina, but he will be remembered most for the little things he did for thousands of South Carolinians.

“I am among those who will always remember him gratefully. My father was one of his staunch supporters when he ran for Governor, and Strom never forgot it. He went out of his way to help me, and though we were in different parties, he was a mentor and I learned a lot from him. Above all, I learned that in elected politics, the people come first. Helping people meant as much to Senator Thurmond as passing laws. That is why he was so loved and admired.

“He was gracious, courtly, and though conservative, he grew with the times. He had uncommon integrity, and he practiced what he preached, in the way he lived, ate, exercised, and worked. His long, fruitful life stands testimony to his philosophy.

“Strom Thurmond truly fits Shakespeare’s words: ‘He was such a man, take him all in all, I do not expect to see his like again.’

“I was privileged to know him and honored to serve with him, and I will never forget him. “

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