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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
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Thank you, Governor Russell, for welcoming me to South Carolina and thank you for lending your brilliant and gracious wife, Virginia, to us to help plan this train trip. She worked very hard for days in Washington and I don't know anyone who did more to start the train wheels turning.

It is wonderful to be here in this land of cattle and cotton. It reminds me of Texas. But you have one special claim to fame Texas can never match. That is being the birthplace of Andrew Jackson.

Of course, I know that nearly every one of your sister Southern states has a way of laying claim to that famous President, too. It's good that he was a big enough man to be shared not only in the South, but by the Democratic Party all across the country.

You have much to be proud of in this oldest part of the nation. You have demonstrated valor and perseverance from colonial days through a spectrum of events including war, industrial revolution, depression, recovery and expansion. And the future is still filled with challenge.

My main reason for coming here was to say to you that to this Democratic candidate for President and his wife, the South is a respected, valued and beloved part of the country.

My husband asked me to bring you greetings. He would like to be here himself, but the massive job of the Presidency doesn't stop day by day, and it is what he must put first.

So, I am coming to visit some of the states I know best, in many of which I spent summer-times and vacation-times of my childhood.

Ten months ago on a dreadful day that shook our country, my husband became your President. Since then he has tried with all that is in him to keep our country on a steady course of economic prosperity, to face the world with firm strength, and to seek practical ways to help those Americans still in need.

There are many things in which we can all take satisfaction. This October is the 44th straight month in which the economy has remained strong. The danger of the once frightening headlines about Panama, Guantanamo and Zanzibar has been reduced by tireless, patient effort.

There are problems ahead, and he promises no easy answers, but the President's years of working for the people of this country -- 12 years in the House of Representatives -- 12 years in the United States Senate -- three years in the Vice Presidency-- plus what a wife can only describe as a lot of determination, energy and devotion to his job -- these will all help solve the problems that face our country.

I am proud of this record. I hope you will want to continue it.

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