

DEDICATION OF

MALLORY BATTERY  
COMPANY

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REMARKS BY

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LANCASTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MR. BARNES . . . MR. DALFONSO . . . MR. MOSES . . .

OTHER DISTINGUISHED OFFICIALS AND FELLOW GUESTS . . .

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IN ONE SENSE, TODAY MARKS THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF MANY MONTHS OF HARD WORK BY YOUR COMPANY, THE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.

IN ANOTHER SENSE, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF A VENTURE THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE COMPANY AND THE COMMUNITY. I, THEREFORE, CONGRATULATE MALLORY AND LANCASTER FOR THEIR MUTUAL GOOD FORTUNE.

LET ME UNDERLINE THE STATE'S CONFIDENCE, MR. BARNES, IN YOUR COMPANY. WE SOUTH CAROLINIANS ARE PROUD OF OUR INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY . . . AND EVEN PROUDER NOW THAT MALLORY "THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

COMPANY" IS OPERATING A PLANT ON CAROLINA SOIL.

YOU NOT ONLY THAT IT IS AN IDEAL ATMOSPHERE FOR A  
WE REALIZE BOTH THROUGH YOUR REPUTATION AS AN  
OUTSTANDING COMPANY AND THROUGH OUR CONTACT  
WITH YOUR OFFICIALS THAT MALLORY WELL DESERVES ITS  
OUTSTANDING WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION.

I AM POSITIVE YOU HAVE DISCOVERED THE PALMETTO  
I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT I AM NOT JUST TRYING TO  
FLATTER WHEN I DESCRIBE THIS ASSOCIATION AS A  
MUTUAL GOOD FORTUNE. MALLORY WILL FIND THAT SOUTH  
CAROLINA -- AND LANCASTER IN PARTICULAR -- WAS AN  
EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THEIR PLANT.



A VERY CAREFUL EVALUATION OF LANCASTER HAS SHOWN  
YOU NOT ONLY THAT IT IS AN IDEAL ATMOSPHERE FOR A  
MANUFACTURING PLANT FROM THE IMPERSONAL,  
TECHNICAL STANDPOINT, BUT ALSO FROM THE PERSONAL,  
HUMAN STANDPOINT.

I AM POSITIVE YOU HAVE DISCOVERED THE PALMETTO  
STATE'S SECRET WEAPON . . . THAT BETWEEN THE  
HIGHWAYS, THE UTILITY LINES, AND OTHER SITE-  
SELECTION FACTORS, THERE IS A WARMTH, A HOSPI-  
TALITY, AND A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT THAT DISTINGUISHES  
ONE GOOD SITE FROM ANOTHER.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS THESE HUMAN QUALITIES WHICH GIVE ANY COMMUNITY -- AS WELL AS ANY COMPANY -- ITS CHARACTER AND SUBSTANCE.

COMPANIES AS SUCCESSFUL AS MALLORY CANNOT ACHIEVE SUCCESS WITHOUT THE SINCERE INTEREST IN PEOPLE THAT YOU SHOW, NOR CAN A COMMUNITY ATTRACT A COMPANY SUCH AS MALLORY WITHOUT THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE THAT LANCASTER ENJOYS.

I INVITE YOU TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE THE  
THE SUCCESSES THAT SOUTH CAROLINA HAS EXPERIENCED IN ATTRACTING COMPANIES SUCH AS MALLORY IS DUE, I BELIEVE, TO THE DECISION THAT WE MADE MORE THAN

15 YEARS AGO TO ORIENT OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO THE TRAINING AND CONTINUAL UPGRADING OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORK FORCE.

THE RESULT HAS BEEN A TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH YOU WILL BE UTILIZING THAT HAS FOR THE PAST DECADE BEEN THE CHIEF SALES AID OF OUR STATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

I INVITE YOU TO MAKE FULL USE OF TEC AND THE BOARD, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY WHICH YOU FEEL CAN ASSIST YOU. I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT



SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE  
THROUGHOUT YOUR VENTURE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

THERE IS ONE LAST DIFFERENCE IN OUR STATE WHICH  
I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF . . . PROFIT ISN'T A  
DIRTY WORD. NO BUSINESS CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT  
ADEQUATE PROFIT. WE, THE GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR IN  
SOUTH CAROLINA, REALIZE THIS.

IN CLOSING, I WISH TO SALUTE THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS PROJECT. ALL OF YOU CAN  
BE PROUD OF A JOB WELL-DONE. TO YOU -- MEMBERS



OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE COUNTY PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE COUNTY DELE-  
GATION, THE MAYOR AND CITY OFFICIALS -- I SAY,  
"CONGRATULATIONS!"

AND TO MR. BARNES AND THE MALLORY COMPANY, I  
AGAIN SAY, "WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA" AND WISH  
YOU THE VERY BEST FOR THE FUTURE.