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On behalf of Governor Hodges, I would like to welcome you to South Carolina and to Charleston. It is a beautiful city and a great state. I understand yesterday y'all enjoyed some of the ocean's past and some of its future. You went from historic vessels to modern ones. You went from the classic ocean prime, and the problems associated with that, to the frontier at the Senator Hollings Marine Lab. It will be nice you can go to aquarium, and there you will be entertained and I hope enticingly educated. I hope when you leave us that you will find your experience in Charleston much the same, that you will not only have been entertained but also educated, and you will learn charm of our city if you do that. This city is one with great respect for its beauty and its past, but always with its eye on the future. The charge to the commission is the same, to look at the past, but to watch and direct us for the future. So I welcome you to Charleston and South Carolina, and I wish you good luck and Godspeed on your mission.

Thank you very much.