

**Senator Tim Scott
Greenville VA Outpatient Clinic Ribbon Cutting
Transcribed Remarks
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Well, good morning to all of you. That was an audience participation opportunity. Every now and then we have to have a reminder that this is a great day and these are showers of blessings falling down. I think about the day we had our Korean War opportunity to honor our Korean War Veterans. It was a rainy Saturday. It was chilly and Veterans were coming from all over the Upstate.

I think to myself that today despite a rainy day the blessings are flowing down, here is an opportunity not just for us to honor our Veterans, but realize we are talking about the day that we honor our Veterans by creating greater access to the day we made the promises that you would have health care. A health care promise without access without close proximity is only half a promise.

And today for more than 11,000 state Veterans today we can make that promise more real because proximity to the location allows to you to improve your mental health, your primary care access; it is improving today because of this facility.

All those who serve our nation so well, please waive at me for just a second. Let's give all these men and women and amazing

round of applause. I'm not quite sure what it is about military service, but I know my father served in the Air Force for 26 years and 7 days. You all always know the number of days that you served.

One of my responsibilities as an elected official that serves you on the federal level is to make sure we honor our promises to you. There are so many World War II guys and gals who have served our nation seeing their loved ones, their brothers, their best friends lost in war and you come home, every generation of war. This is our chance to say to you that we are so very proud to have you in our community. We are blessed by your presence. We are thankful for your service. And now it is an opportunity for us to pay forth the blessing we call peace that you had to bleed for.

So thank you for your service. Thank you for the opportunity to live in a nation where your blood, and your sweat, and your tears have made this nation the greatest nation God has ever formed on the face of this earth.

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