"It is deplorable that the combined forces of ignorance, prejudice, reactionism and the duplicity of many Republican voters have thrust upon the state of Georgia Lester Maddox, a totally unqualified individual, as the Democratic nominee for governor.

"For the past quarter century our state has been outstanding in our region as the lvocate of sanity and reason, and as the champion of progress.

"The seal of the great state of Georgia lies tarnished."

-Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.