

As the father of two children, I know there is nothing more precious than our young people. They are our most wonderful natural resource and are most deserving of our strongest commitment to their future.

In my State of the State address, I outlined four priorities for Mississippi – jobs, education, health care and public safety. These priorities affect all Mississippians, but none more so than our children. We've made great progress and found common ground to make these priorities into realities – and that's something for us to be proud of.