

MEMORANDUM

August 21, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Mississippi Outstanding Older Worker Award

CC: Richard

You presented this award last year to a woman named Essie Mitchell, after your remarks to the Governor's School at MUW. It was a brief event with her family. This year's winner is Merle Norton, who has been working at Farese and Farese Law Firm in Ashland since the early 1970's.

One notable thing about Mrs. Norton's nomination information – it says she attended the Governor's Health Care Summit in Hattiesburg, got on a mailing list, and continues to share information about health care with other seniors in her community. This is mentioned in the remarks.

The award is presented by Experience Works, a national non-profit that offers training, employment and community service opportunities for mature workers. Until earlier this year, it operated under the name of Green Thumb.