

Governor Ronnie Musgrove
Teacher Pay Raise Bill/100th Day Celebration
Talking Points
Wednesday, April 19, 2000
11:30 p.m.

Great enthusiasm is a must. Remember to stand up straight and speak in low tones.

- What a great day it is!
- Thank you to each of you for being here to help us celebrate.
- We are not only here today to celebrate our 100th day in office as the Governor of the Great State of Mississippi, but we are also here today to celebrate our accomplishments and continue to build upon that progress.
- During our first 100 days we have:
 1. begun the process of developing a new economic development strategy
 2. reconstructed an action plan and marketing strategy to promote the Children's Health Insurance Program
 3. established the Task Force for Classroom Technology to put a computer in every classroom by the year 2002.

4. passed a teacher pay raise plan to raise Mississippi teachers' salaries to the Southeastern average

- I campaigned on raising teacher pay to the Southeastern average and I stated on January 11 of this year, right outside these doors that I believed that raising teacher pay was the most critical issue facing the people of Mississippi.
- Some people said it couldn't be done.
- We did it.
- We did it working together with the support of various organizations, individuals, the Speaker and Lt. Governor and the membership of the House and Senate.
- I promised you that as your Governor, I would work hard to find solutions that would work for you, and today, with the hard work of many people, our efforts have paid off.

- I said in my State of the State Address that we must set unprecedented goals and at every opportunity reach for unparalleled progress.
- We have seen some great things happen in the past 100 days.
- We realize our potential, and I can promise you that this is only the beginning.
- As I heard one Representative say yesterday, “Let us act on our hopes and not our fears.”
- We are looking forward to every single day of this administration, and every single day we will be working to fulfill the hopes and dreams of the people of Mississippi.