

*Remarks for the
Mississippi Industries for the Blind / Employee of the Year Award
May 28, 2002*

Thank you, Joe. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today to celebrate the tremendous work done by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind, and especially the work of the individuals who are the backbone of this endeavor.

Every employee that works here contributes beyond the usual measures. In the quality products made here we find the quality and pride of people who have overcome the obstacles placed in their path and conquered the challenges presented to them. Each and every one is to be commended for their commitment to excellence.

The products made here ranges from mattresses to brooms, from mops to metal stamping. On this day after Memorial Day, it is important to note that some of the products made here are also used by our military – and we know they only use the very best.

The webpage for the Mississippi Industries for the Blind carries the statement, “we may be blind; however, we have not lost our vision.” That statement describes the foundation for the success of this program – the vision, not the sight, is what truly matters.

Now, it is my pleasure to introduce someone I have worked closely with on many occasions. His dedication to the people and the state of Mississippi is obvious, and I know he shares my admiration for the great work done here –
Senator Trent Lott.