

Dedication Ceremony for the Historic Tate County Courthouse  
Sunday, December 17, 2000  
1:30 p.m.  
Tate County Courthouse, Senatobia

**Talking Points**

- Good Afternoon
- I am honored to participate in the dedication of the Tate County Courthouse
- Tate County is full of hard working individuals and we appreciate the work they do for the state of Mississippi.
- We have joined forces, crossing agency and political lines to accomplish more for the people of MS.
- Mississippi is moving forward. As we work together to make positive changes for our state.
- Mississippi has a bright future.

- With public, private, corporate and community leaders along with elected officials working together; we can achieve great success in and for Mississippi.
- I am looking forward to the future; many more great things are going to happen for us.
- This is an exciting time for the state.
  - Budget for FY2002
  - For the first time, the Governor's office has presented our budget recommendations at the beginning of the process to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
  - Our recommendations are the people's priorities.
  - We have placed a priority on education, economic development, healthcare and public safety.
  - Our plan has an agenda, and a way to successfully implement the plan.
- We have big plans for the next year:
  - E-Government

- Will make this state agency and other more accessible to the people.
- Customer oriented and customer friendly
- Save processing time and money for the State.
- A single point of entry for government services.
  - Goal is to be operating by Oct. 2001
- Computers in the Classroom
- More new companies locating to MS, as a result of the Advantage MS Initiative
  - Nissan has shown their faith in MS
- I want to Thank the individuals and organizations that were involved in working toward the renovation and completion of the Tate County Courthouse.
- I am excited about the opportunities in our future and delighted that we can share this good news today.