

*Remarks to the
Houston Vocational Center
Solar Race Celebration
July 27, 2001*

I cannot tell you how proud I am to be here tonight to celebrate the winning team from the Winston Solar Challenge!

I saw the picture of the car winning the race yesterday in the newspaper, and I thought, what a testament to the skills, the creativity, and the intelligence of these young people.

All of us here tonight are here to welcome these young people back home from their adventure, and I know each of us is excited about their accomplishments.

I've said many times before that the people of Mississippi can compete with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

This proves it.

These young students have worked hard to reach this point, and the results speak for themselves.

I want to congratulate them on a job well done.

I want to congratulate their teacher, Keith Reese, for his commitment to our young people.

This is an example of how far we can go when we work to create opportunities, when we think outside the box, when we dare to do things differently.

Young men and women across our state, like these we honor tonight, are the ones who will set the standards for the work we do in the years to come.

With their skill and talents, Mississippi will continue to move ahead.

Thank you.