

Kimberly-Clark Expansion Announcement  
Wednesday, May 24, 2000  
12:00 p.m.  
Corinth, MS

- I am pleased to be here today for the announcement of the expansion of Kimberly-Clark in Corinth.
- This expansion is a great example of the public sector working together with private industry in an effort to insure economic development in the Corinth area.
- A major focus of our administration is the development of a new economic development plan for the state of Mississippi.
- Dwight Evans, President and CEO of Mississippi Power, and I are co-chairing the first ever, Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development, a coalition of Mississippi's public and private sector leadership, and we are developing that new plan.
- Our old plan is outdated and stale, and we must be able to better compete against our neighboring states for the relocation of business and industry.
- The incentive package developed by both state and local officials was the key to Kimberly-Clark's decision to expand in Mississippi.

- It is this type of economic development plan that we are developing on a statewide level to better Mississippi's economic development opportunities.
- We will unveil our new plan to the members of the Legislature during a special session that will be held later this summer because we know that we cannot wait until next legislative session to get started.
- Economic development in our state is that important.
- With our state economic development plan in place, we will have the tools we need to better recruit opportunities for growth in Mississippi.
- The people of our state deserve jobs that pay competitive salaries so that they can provide a high quality of life for their families, and we are working to make those jobs available.
- I want to thank the individuals and organizations that were involved in working toward this expansion, and I want to thank Kimberly-Clark for their continued investment in the State of Mississippi.