

The King & Queen of Spain  
Saturday, March 31, 2001

**Remarks for Lunch**

**Talking Points**

- What a monumental occasion for both Mississippi and Spain!
- This is the first time reigning monarchs have visited Mississippi.
- And today, we are proud that Mississippi is serving as host to Their Majesties, King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain.
- On behalf of the people of Mississippi and my wife Melanie, I would like to extend to you, the warmest Mississippi greeting.
- Please accept our deep gratitude for the generosity shown by you and the people of Spain in lending your country's treasures for this exceptional exhibition, which is only being displayed in Mississippi.
- Once again, our cultures meet and will forever share a common bond.

- Mississippi is honored to host Their Majesties, the members of the Spanish delegation and the thousands of visitors who will enjoy the Majesty of Spain exhibit.
- The Majesty of Spain exhibit gives us a taste of your culture and heritage, and shows the influence your country has had on Mississippi.
- It is thrilling for us to experience your treasured artifacts, first-hand; which tell the story of Spain and the influence of Spanish settlements in Mississippi.
- Our state's history is full of touches from Spain.
- We are a state with a rich history in the arts and we have nurtured many talented artist and entertainers, such as Andrew Wyeth, Eudora Welty, Oprah Winfrey, Elvis, Sela Ward and Morgan Freeman.
- We value our history and the historical aspect of this event.

- We have embraced this opportunity to open the doors of Spain to visitors from around the world right here in Mississippi, and we are opening the doors to more cultural opportunities.
- We hope this occasion will be the catalyst for new cultural and economic opportunities with Mississippi, Spain and the rest of the world.
- Today we have a unique opportunity to build a bridge that connects Mississippi and Spain, and we are excited about the future our two cultures will have together.
- We have crossed international boundaries and cultural divides to extend Mississippi's emergence into the global economy.
- Realizing how closely related Mississippi is to Spain and the rest of the world is essential in today's global society.
- We have crossed boundaries and global divides to create and enhance a Mississippi that our people proudly call home.

- A state full of educational and cultural opportunities for its people.
- A state that offers the opportunity for a good quality of life for its people and the promise of better things to come.
- Your Majesties – We welcome you to Mississippi – America’s State of Promise.