

Majesty of Spain Press Conference
Wednesday, February 28, 2001
10:00 a.m.
Mississippi Arts Pavilion

(Message: Brief remarks regarding the great opportunity for Mississippians to experience another culture and for Mississippi to also be showcased to the nation, as people visit our state.)

Note: USA Today is scheduled to be at the press conference.

- Good Morning.
- It is great to be here this morning.
- Tomorrow, March 1, 2001, we will open the doors to the Majesty of Spain Exhibit.
- We will open the doors to the people of Mississippi, and the people of the nation and the world as they come to experience this spectacular display of national treasures.
- The Majesty of Spain exhibit makes a one-city appearance in North America, which is at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

- Never before have so many magnificent objects from Spain appeared in the United States, until now.
- They have chosen Mississippi to host this wonderful exhibit, and we know they made the right choice.
- People across the United States and the world are truly excited about this exhibit.
- (Story about being in D.C. for NGA. Other governors and their staff asked you for more specifics about the exhibit, and said they would be attending.)
- Once again, Mississippi will be in the national spotlight as we host the thousands of visitors to the Majesty of Spain exhibit.
- The Majesty of Spain exhibit will provide people the opportunity for increased communication, understanding and respect for other cultures.
- This exhibit gives us the chance to cross borders and go beyond the limits of time to experience

the beauty and spectacle of Spain during the period of our nation's birth.

- This exhibit also allows us to gain insight into another culture, which has many links to Mississippi's history.
- We can all benefit greatly from this experience, while we open our minds and our imaginations to another culture - to another world.
- It is my hope that every student, every child, every adult, every Mississippian and those people beyond our borders will experience the Majesty of Spain.