To Members of Mississippi Ducks Unlimited:

It is my personal pleasure to offer congratulations to each and every member of Ducks Unlimited upon having completed another highly successful year of waterfowl and wetland conservation in the Great State of Mississippi! As a fellow Mississippian, I am proud of the fact that Ducks Unlimited has chosen to locate its Southern Regional Office, serving 15 states in the South and Southeastern United States, right here in Ridgeland, Mississippi!

As hunters and conservationists, my family and I fully appreciate what it means to have conserved more than 10 million acres of waterfowl and wetland habitat throughout North America in DU's 66-year history. We in Mississippi are strategically situated at the bottom of the Mississippi Flyway and as such are blessed with bountiful numbers and a wide variety of waterfowl during the fall and winter months. As a member of Ducks Unlimited, I have come to rely on our organization to ensure that there is an ample supply of high quality waterfowl habitat available to these waterfowl each and every year. The fact Ducks Unlimited has protected and restored over 165,000 acres of waterfowl habitat on public and private lands throughout Mississippi is ample evidence that DU takes its mission seriously! Ducks Unlimited's record of accomplishment speaks for itself....you truly are the world's leader in waterfowl and wetlands conservation!

Please accept my personal thanks for a job well done again this past year! I know you are well on your way to making 2003 04 another year of record accomplishment. I wish you every success with your fund-raising activities and if there is anything I can do to assist the organization is this regard, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

ours in Conservation,

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