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Dear XXX:

I just wanted to take a moment to tell you how good it was to see you at the Higher Education Appreciation Day – Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) luncheon on February 19.

The seventy-six honorees were truly deserving of their recognition. It is always a pleasure to celebrate Mississippi students and faculty who are making such positive contributions to their schools and to our state. I'm sure that you were as proud as I was of Ms. Bushkin's compliments regarding Mississippi's accomplishments, particularly in education technology.

Please know that I share your commitment to higher education in Mississippi. I look forward to working with you to ensure that education is a priority for our state and its future.

Very truly yours,



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