

*Remarks for the  
Dell-Winston Solar Car Race Catfish Extravaganza  
July 18, 2003*

- Thank Elvis for introduction
  
- Welcome race teams from around the country to Mississippi
  - State's tag line: "Feels Like Coming Home"
  - Hope you all feel at home here in Houston
  
- Houston's home to a lot of good people, but it's also home to the "Sundancer"
  - Winner of 2001 Solar Challenge

- Proud of all the students and teachers at Houston Vocational Center and their great work
  - Great representatives of Houston and Mississippi
  
- The students involved in this race represent the very best we have to offer
  - Not just in Mississippi, but around the country
  - Our young people are our greatest natural resource

- That's why we have to make sure our investment in them is strong
  - Education is first priority
  - 62% of budget invested in education
  - Computers in the Classroom
  
- Committed to a strong future for all Mississippians
  - That future starts right now with commitment to education
  - Everything else builds on that foundation
  - Good schools, good jobs, good communities

- Tonight, let's celebrate these young people
  - Celebrate what they're accomplishing here
  - Celebrate what they'll accomplish in years to come
  
- Congratulations to all of you for what you've done to get here
  - Good luck in the race