

World Conference of Mayors Convention  
Thursday, August 10, 2000  
9:00 a.m.  
Beau Rivage

Stand up straight and use low tones.

- Good Morning
- (story)
- We are glad that you chose Mississippi to serve as your host for this conference.
- We want other organizations to choose Mississippi for conferences and conventions.
- We want people to choose Mississippi as their vacation destination.
- And we want families to choose Mississippi as their home.
- We also want to make sure that Mississippi is state chosen by business and industry looking to expand or relocate.
- And, we are making that happen in Mississippi

- Monday of this week we unveiled a new economic development plan for the State of Mississippi that will move our state from comparative advantages with other states to competitive advantages with other states.
- We have set out to create a living, breathing document that all of us can use as a blueprint for creating the Mississippi that is America's State of Promise.
- By outlining what actions need to be taken to grow business and industry in our state, we are setting the guideposts for our state's journey into an exciting era for Mississippi.
- At the National Governor's Association Annual Meeting this summer, I told the other governors in attendance that Mississippi is not going to give up one job or one piece of real estate to another state.
- Never before have we had so much promise, so much potential and so many people willing to step up to the challenges before us.

- We are making sure that every person in all of our 82 counties across the state prospers from our economic growth efforts.
- Together we are getting a handle on what is really happening in Mississippi's economy.
- To answer the tough questions, and to implement the answers will take all of us-public and private, corporate and individual-focusing our attention on reaching for the best for our people, our businesses and our state.
- Together we are making Mississippi America's State of Promise!