July 19, 2001

2001 Preston Family Reunion c/o Ms. Sondra T. Pierce 60721 W. Sand Lake Road Nottawa, Michigan 49075

Dear Friends:

As Governor of Mississippi, I am privileged to extend congratulations to all friends and family in attendance at the 2001 Preston Family Reunion. This year marks a milestone of 100 years for your family and I am sure that this year's reunion will be full of memories as you gather to trace your family tree across the nation and through the great State of Mississippi.

Family reunions are very special. They remind us of our ancestors, our common heritage and kinships that transcend both time and place. I hope you enjoy your time together and create many treasured memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

As each of you face the future, I hope you will draw strength from your family and from that part of your common heritage that will be forever and indelibly a part of Mississippi. Best wishes on many more wonderful years together.

Very truly yours,

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