December 14, 2000

James K. Dukes 226 West Pine Steet Hattiesburg, MS 39403

Dear Friends:

Our office received your kind invitation requesting the Governor's attendance at your Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 22, 2000. Due to prior commitments, however, the Governor is unable to attend.

The Governor appreciates your invitation and hopes your event is a great success.

Should you have any scheduling requests in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shanta Davis Scheduling Director