January 31, 2001

Bertha M. Blackburn 1744 Sycamore Street Clarksdale, MS 38614-6624

Dear Ms. Blackburn:

Please accept my personal congratulations upon being chosen as a 2001 Mississippi Ageless Hero. Your dedicated service to your state and your community are to be commended.

With the hard work and commitment of leaders like you, we will continue making great strides toward making Mississippi America's State of Promise.

Allow me to join my fellow Mississippians and in recognizing your contributions. Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for continuing success.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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