July 19, 2001

The Honorable Mary Libby Payne c/o Judy C. Lacy P.O. Box 22847 Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2847

Dear Judge Payne:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend my best wishes and congratulations upon the celebration of your retirement after many years of dedicated service to the State of Mississippi.

Under the many years of your most capable leadership, the citizens of Mississippi have seen justice and experienced remarkable progress and success in their communities.

As you conclude your career as a dedicated employee of the great State of Mississippi, be assured that your efforts will forever serve as an inspiration for those who follow in your footsteps, to continue to build bright futures for the people of our great state.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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