May 21, 2001

Mrs. Christine Brice P.O. Box 1780 Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

Dear Mrs. Brice:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend my best wishes and congratulations upon the celebration of your retirement after 26 years as a teacher. Your dedication and service to the children in your state and your community are to be commended.

As Henry Brooks Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Dedicated teachers impact not only the lives of their students, but also impact their communities, their state, and their country.

As you conclude your career as a leader, mentor, educator and friend, 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 our children.

Very truly yours,

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