September 17, 2001

Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church Columbus, Mississippi

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend a warm welcome and best wishes to the congregation of Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and all in attendance at this year's Northeast West Mississippi Annual Conference in the beautiful and historical City of Columbus. This gathering is indeed a great blessing.

This year's conference marks a milestone of 130 years of joining together to share the word of God. Please know that I deeply appreciate the many contributions each of you have made in the State of Mississippi. All of your efforts have helped to make Mississippi a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Best wishes for a wonderful and highly productive meeting. Please feel free to call on me whenever I may be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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