January 23, 2001

Mr. Robert Avant, President Panola County Board of Supervisors 151 Public Square Batesville, MS 38606

Dear Mr. Avant:

The Legislature is considering two bills that would designate a portion of Mississippi Highway 35 in Panola County, beginning with its intersection with Mississippi Highway 6 and extending southerly to the Tallahatchie County Line, as the "Waverly Wray Memorial Highway." I support this legislation that honors the life and sacrifice of Mr. Wray and I am writing to request your assistance in ensuring that this designation occurs.

Legislative rules require a resolution supporting such a designation from the governing entities of the area in which the designated highway is located. I would appreciate your assistance in obtaining the required resolution from the Board of Supervisors. For your reference, I have enclosed materials regarding the valiant duty of Waverly Wray during World War II and a copy of the proposed legislation. I have also enclosed a draft resolution for your reference in drafting the required resolution from the Board of Supervisors.

My office must receive the resolution by 5:00 p.m. next Monday, January 29th, in order to comply with legislative deadlines requiring bills to be reported from committee. Please call David Cole (601-359-2790) if you have any questions regarding this matter or if you require additional information. Thank you in advance for your assistance in honoring Waverly Wray.

Very truly yours,

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