

*Remarks for the
Canton Academy First Grade Play / "A Nation's Promise"
May 2, 2003*

- Recognize Mr. Mike Coggins (Headmaster, Canton Academy)

- Appreciate invitation to be here today
 - Looking forward to the performance

- Today's play "A Nation's Promise" is timely
 - America greatest nation on earth
 - Principles of freedom unlike any other country's
 - Defending those principles today / many Mississippians serving in active military

- Play is about our nation's promise
 - Performers represent Mississippi's promise
 - Important to be sure they have every opportunity to succeed

- Education is foundation for their success
 - Fighting to make sure all our children have a strong foundation
 - Live up to Mississippi's promise