

*Remarks for the  
"Profiles in Leadership" Awards Dinner  
May 3, 2003*

- Recognize Scott Coopwood
  
- Pleased to be here tonight, to honor three great Delta leaders and to welcome Ed Nixon to Mississippi
  
- Proud of the Mississippi that we live in today

- Mississippi is taking on a different image
  - Image of a state moving faster than anyone else into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - A state that's competing and leading in the global marketplace
  - A state that's setting new standards in education and economic development
  
- Exciting things happening in Mississippi
  - Appreciate the work of great leaders like Kenneth Hood, Dr. Lester Newman and Barthell Joseph

- Has been said that leadership is action, not position
  - These three gentlemen are known for their action
  - They are known for their commitment to the growth of the Delta
  - Dedicated to seeing this region flourish
  
- Want to take a moment as well to thank Scott Coopwood and the Delta Business Journal
  - Journal celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year
  - 5 years of strong coverage and support of economic development in the Delta

- Congratulations, Scott, on 5 good years /  
look forward to 5 more
  - Congratulations to Kenneth, Lester and  
Barthell
  - Thank you for your contributions and  
hard work