

Remarks for the Dedication of the  
William F. Winter Archives and History Building  
November 7, 2003

■ Recognize:

- Governor Winter
- Elbert R. Hilliard (Director MS Dept. of Archives and History)
- Lt. Governor Amy Tuck
- Tim Ford
- Travis Little
- Robert Clark
- David Halberstam

■ honor to be here today with all of you / for the dedication of the William F. Winter Archives and History Building

■ When you hear the name William Winter words such as:

- Dedicated / Distinguished / Tireless
- And, statesman - All come to mind

- He has served our country and the State of Mississippi in various ways
  - Young soldier in the pacific theater during WW II
  - Member of MS House / as State Tax Collector
  
- And then distinguished terms as State Treasurer / Lt. Governor / Governor
  
- And, on top of all the public offices he has held
  - been a member of the Board of Trustees of the MS Dept. of Archives and History for almost one-half century and its President since 1969
  
- nationally known for passage of the historic Education Reform Act of 1982
  - An issue very close to my heart
  
- I share Governor Winter's conviction that public education is the foundation of our state's future

- In this spirit, I have continued the work Governor Winter started by
  - Passing the MS Adequate Education Program
  - Putting computers in every classroom to ensure our children and grandchildren have a window onto the world
  - paying our teachers as the professionals they are by raising their pay from 49<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation
  - have implemented school accountability programs that are rated among the best in the nation
  
- Governor Winter knows as I do, that Mississippi's children are 1/3 of the population but they are all of our future
  - Through education / will come to know their history, our history in order to better grasp their future
  
- Governor Winter is a walking legacy for the State of Mississippi

- William Faulkner summed it up well when he said, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”
  
- Governor Winter / student of / participant in / and the creator of
  - Mississippi’s rich cultural heritage and history
  
- The understanding of Mississippi’s history, heritage, and artifacts of its past are imperative for us all
  - because they provide us with insight into where we have been
  - all that we have done and left undone
  - and the challenges we have faced as a state

- Together they suggest the landscape of our future
  - A landscape greatly influenced by one of our finest, William F. Winter
  
- Our shared history is proof that we have come from people of greatness
  - that we are survivors
  - that there are no limits to what we can accomplish together
  - that there are no boundaries to stop our future generations from accomplishing anything they set their minds to
  
- We want to continue to move forward as a state in unity
  - but we must not forget our past because it shapes our present just as much as our future
  
- Congratulations to you Governor Winter, for a lifetime of public service to everyone in Mississippi

■ God Bless you all, the State of Mississippi  
and the United States