

*Remarks for
Dixie Youth World Series
August 12, 2002*

- It's great to be here with you today

- I am excited to be back on a baseball field; it's where I spent a great deal of time growing up, and it feels good to be back.

- I want to welcome all the teams and players gathered here. I know each of you will play your best, play with honor, and play for the love of the game.

- It's been said that every boy, in his heart, would rather steal second base than an automobile. I believe – I know – that's true.

- The games you'll play here will always be carried with you in your memory.

- Don't ever forget them; they are a part of your youth, and will be a great reminder of the fun of days gone by.

- I know you're ready to get down to playing some baseball, so I'll just leave you with a piece of advice from the great Pete Rose: "It's a round ball and a round bat, and you got to hit it square."

- Congratulations to you all, and have fun!