

Duke of San Carlos
Legislative Luncheon
Thursday, October 19, 2000
12:00 noon

- Good afternoon.
- On behalf of the people of the State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome The Duke of San Carlos
- It is a pleasure for Melanie and me to host His Excellency at the Governor's Mansion.
- We both enjoyed the wonderful hospitality that he showed us in Madrid this past spring.
- (Speak to the Duke) Your Excellency, we appreciate all that you are doing to make the Majesty of Spain such a monumental success in Mississippi.
- (Turn back to the audience.) The history of the Spanish influence in Mississippi dates back to 1541, and we feel fortunate to be chosen to host this extraordinary exhibit.
- We had great success and developed an excellent reputation for Mississippi while serving as hosts

for both the St. Petersburg Exhibit and the Splendors of Versailles Exhibit, and we look forward to the opportunities that the Majesty of Spain Exhibit will bring.

- Thank you to all of the Legislators who have joined us today to welcome The Duke.
- Once again, Mississippi will be in the spotlight of the nation and the world as we share our Southern hospitality with our friends and neighbors.
- Geographic boundaries no longer limit Mississippi to the South and to the United States.
- We are thinking and acting on a global scale as we reach across oceans and mountains to experience Spanish culture and history.
- We look forward to the opening of the Spanish exhibit on March 1, 2001, and hope that this is the first of many visits the Duke makes to Mississippi.