

*Remarks for the
Hafter Multi-Purpose Room Dedication
September 6, 2001*

Thank you, Representative Bailey, and good evening. It's an honor to be invited here tonight on behalf of Governor Ronnie Musgrove. He asked me to offer his regrets for not being able to attend tonight, but he is proud of the growth we celebrate here tonight.

Dr. Taylor, Mayor Artman, thank you for the hard work and leadership you have shown for the Greenville Higher Education Center and the entire city of Greenville.

And to the Hafter family, I also want to offer our thanks and appreciation for your generosity and assistance in making this moment possible.

The Greenville Higher Education Center, along with the entire town of Greenville, has much to be proud of with this facility. This offers a new venue for conferences, workshops, and a wide spectrum of other community activities.

For years, communities have centered their lives and activities around a specific point. For many towns, it's the old town square or a courthouse. For others, it may be a park or a church.

In Greenville, it will be the Hafter Room. That's a great thing for this city and this state.

One time, at an event like this, someone said "why doesn't the guy who says 'I'm no speechmaker' let it go at that instead of giving a demonstration?"

Tonight, I'll spare you the demonstration and simply say this – to the Greenville Higher Education Center and the City of Greenville, congratulations. And, to the Hafter family, thank you.

This is a good moment for our state tonight.