

*Remarks for the
Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
June 7, 2002*

- **INTERESTING TO COME TO NEW YORK CITY TO ADDRESS METRO JACKSON CHAMBER**

- **UNDERSTAND MOST OF YOU HERE TODAY CAME UP FOR THE PICNIC**

- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING THE PICNIC A SUCCESS**

- **FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT FROM MISSISSIPPI, IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU WHAT THE REST OF THE PEOPLE HERE ALREADY KNOW**

- **MISSISSIPPI IS A STATE THAT'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

- **EDUCATION**
 - **COMPUTERS IN CLASSROOM**
 - **TEACHER PAY**
 - **NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL**

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
 - **ADVANTAGE MISSISSIPPI INITIATIVE**
 - **NISSAN AND ITS SUPPLIERS**
 - **HYUNDAI – MISSISSIPPI IN THE “FINAL FOUR”**

- **MISSION TO JAPAN**

■ **MISSISSIPPI COMMITTED TO CREATING QUALITY, HIGH-PAYING JOBS**

- **WE HAVE THE WORKFORCE**
 - **PATHFINDER STUDY – 68,000 UNDEREMPLOYED WORKERS**

■ **FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES**

- **21,000 NEW JOBS / \$6 BILLION INVESTED**
- **TOP TEN IN *SITE SELECTION* MAGAZINE**
- **LED NATION IN EXISTING HOME SALES, 1ST QUARTER 2002**
- **LED NATION IN EXPORTS FOR 1ST HALF OF 2001**
 - **TOTAL EXPORTS OVER \$3.5 BILLION**
 - **OVER 60,000 JOBS RELATED TO EXPORTS**

■ **IN MAY, FORMALLY OPENED MISSISSIPPI WORLD TRADE CENTER**

- **INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE**
- **FOCUS GLOBAL ATTENTION ON MISSISSIPPI**

■ **ALWAYS WORKING FOR JOBS / PEOPLE DESERVE NO LESS**

- **ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD**
- **FOOD ON THEIR TABLE**
- **CLOTHES ON THEIR BACK**
- **SENSE OF SECURITY / CONFIDENCE**

■ **DESPITE NATIONAL RECESSION, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BACK OFF INVESTMENTS AND EFFORTS TO GROW MISSISSIPPI**

■ **BOTTOM LINE = MISSISSIPPI IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

■ **GOOD TO BE WITH YOU TODAY**