

*Remarks for the
Mississippi Black Rodeo
July 5, 2003*

- Recognize Mayor Harvey Johnson / all mayors
- As mayors, you have a unique perspective on the work we're going to build Mississippi
 - Appreciate your work to help us reach our promise and potential
- Image of Mississippi in 2003 unlike anything anyone could have imagined
 - Image of people working in highly-skilled, well-paying jobs
 - Image of children in classrooms equipped with the technology to bring the world to their desk
 - Image of global companies looking for a place to do business in the state
 - Setting new standards for education and economic development
- Mississippi is a recognized leader in education
 - Teacher pay
 - Princeton Review
 - Computers in the Classroom
- Proving to the people of Mississippi and the rest of the nation that we're serious about education
 - Making the investment now for dividends tomorrow
- When it comes to education, we mean business
 - Business means jobs
 - We're aggressive about creating quality, high-paying jobs for our people
- Image of Mississippi is definitely changing, and that change begins at the community level
 - Proud to work with you to build our communities and our state
 - Proud of what we've done together / look forward to continuing that work
- Enjoy the rodeo