

*Remarks for the
Northrop Grumman Groundbreaking
June 9, 2003*

- Recognize Dr. Phil Dur / Jay Foley from
Northrop Grumman
 - Legislators
 - Mayor Ken Combs and members of
Gulfport City Council
 - Mike Olivier
 - Blake Wilson

- Today is a great day for Mississippi
 - We're turning dirt on the Gulf Coast
 - The ripple effect will be felt statewide

- On April 10, signed Senate Bill 2886 into law on the deck of the PINCKNEY in Pascagoula
 - Sealed our commitment to Northrop Grumman's expansion in Mississippi
 - Also made good on our fight to help create quality jobs for our people

- On this site, Mississippi will have another first
 - The first advanced composite manufacturing facility in the U.S.
 - Northrop Grumman is a leader in this amazing new technology for America's Navy and Coast Guard
 - Building it all right here

- That's good for America and it's good for Northrop Grumman
 - It's even better for Mississippi and the hard-working people who live here

- It's all part of the changing image of our state
 - The question of "why Mississippi?" isn't being asked anymore
 - The question now is, "why not Mississippi?"

- We've got all the answers anyone could need
 - We've got the most aggressive job creation plan in the nation / Advantage Mississippi

- We're strengthening our infrastructure to handle not just train tracks, but technology
 - We're investing in education / making it a priority when others are cutting back
 - Most important, we've got the greatest people / ready to work
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- This is a great day for Mississippi
 - Ready to turn the dirt and keep the ripple effect going across Mississippi