

*Remarks for  
Mississippi's 2001 Outstanding Older Worker Award  
June 29, 2001*

I'm proud to have the chance this morning to share the stage with someone who is a true inspiration.

It's difficult sometimes to find the words to describe someone like Mrs. Essie Dickson Mitchell, who, at age 93, continues to work four days a week.

The great entertainer Danny Kaye once said that "life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it."

Mrs. Mitchell's still throwing a lot of paint.

About seven years ago, Mrs. Mitchell began working two jobs – one at Barnett's Country Store and Gifts, the other at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant.

Today, she's slowed down to just one job.

I just came from speaking to a group of high school students who will be starting their careers in the next few years.

Mrs. Mitchell, you are an inspiration to those students, as well as to your family and friends.

Congratulations on your selection as Mississippi's 2001 Outstanding Older Worker.

*(present certificate)*