

*Remarks for the
Port Gibson Main Street Heritage Festival
March 29, 2003*

- Recognize Mayor Arnold / other local officials

- It is great to be in Port Gibson / beautiful day
for a festival
 - Proud to be here to join in the fun

- Mississippi has a new slogan for its tourism
efforts / “Feels Like Coming Home”
 - That’s how it feels here in Port Gibson
 - Feels like coming home

- For those of us who call Mississippi home,
we've got a lot to be proud of
 - Our state is leading the nation in education
 - Our state is leading in economic
development
 - Our state is competing and winning in the
global marketplace

- We're working hard to grow Mississippi / help
reach our promise and potential
 - Doing that through education / jobs
 - Rural Economic Impact Authority

- The image of the Mississippi of 2003 is unlike anything anyone could have imagined
 - It's an image of people working in highly-skilled, well-paying jobs
 - It's an image of children in classrooms equipped with the technology to bring the world to their desk
 - It's an image of global companies looking for a place to do business in the state

- It's an image of good schools, good jobs, good communities
 - An image of places like Port Gibson
 - A place with the best venison in the state

- *Present awards*