

*Remarks for the  
Partners in Progress Press Conference  
Prentiss, MS  
August 10, 2001*

Thank you, Senator Harvey, for your introduction, and for the invitation to join you here today.

Mr. Stoup, let me formally welcome you to Mississippi, and on behalf of the people of our state, we're glad you're here. We look forward to a great relationship with you and your company.

This is a great day for Prentiss, and for Mississippi. Today we're showing once again that Mississippi can compete with anyone, anywhere, anytime.

And, we're not doing it the way we used to. Today's economy is technology-based; it's global, borderless and wireless. It involves skills and education – and we're meeting those needs.

Partners in Progress is in the business of refurbishing cellular phones. We all know what this market is like today, and I am proud that Prentiss will be helping build our state's reputation as a technology-driven economy.

It is a great day for this community, and I hope what we have to present will make it even better. Through a Community Development Block Grant loan from the Mississippi Development Authority, we are here to welcome a new business.

On behalf of the State of Mississippi, I am proud to present this check in the amount of \$650,000 to the Town of Prentiss and Partners in Progress.

Congratulations.