

*Remarks for the Holly Springs
Organizational Meeting
July 8, 2003*

- Recognize Holly Springs Mayor Andre’
DeBerry
 - Rust College President David Beckley

- Edward Everett Hale: “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”

- Each of us has something to offer – to our families, to our communities, to our state

- This is the attitude we need in our work to make Mississippi a better place to live, work, and raise families
 - Accomplished by continuing to make education our first priority

- Mississippi is recognized leader in education
 - Teacher pay / 49th to 19th when fully implemented
 - No Child Left Behind
 - Computers in Classroom

- We are increasing investment while others are cutting
 - Significant in light of national recession
 - Demonstrates priority/ commitment to a better Mississippi

- Work has to continue beyond education, with focused economic development and growth to keep our best and brightest minds here in Mississippi
 - They are Mississippi's future
 - We want to give them a strong start / solid economic base
 - We've done that in past three years

- Job creation from January 2000 to February 2003 (source: MDA)
 - Over 2,103 new and expanded facilities
 - Created 50,253 new jobs
 - Total investment of \$14.1 billion

- We're making these advances because we're getting involved, we're working together

- We're building good schools / good jobs
/ good communities

■ Together we're changing the image of
Mississippi

- 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 this great state

■ Thank you for helping make a difference