

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Delta Regional Minority Business Association Annual Banquet

The dinner starts at 7:00pm, but there will be a press availability for award nominees and a reception starting around 6:30. The theme for the dinner is "Empowering Minority Businesses in the Mississippi Delta to Make Our Community Stronger."

Remarks are attached. I spoke with Armerita about this event and she said the remarks should be general and not too focused on individual, specific businesses (so as not to offend anyone).

You will be introduced by Gennie Lacy Jones. Other speakers include Mayor Paul Artman of Greenville and Mr. Alfred Rankins of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.