

*Remarks to the  
All-American Foundation Banquet  
February 13, 2002*

Thank you, Jimmie. As a huge football fan, and a fan of sports in general, I am honored to receive this award. I've seen the caliber of people honored by the Foundation, and I'm proud to be included with such great company.

*(You may want to quickly tell the Super Bowl story)*

I'm proud of where Mississippi is headed. We're focusing on jobs, education, health care and public safety. We're doing great things for the people of our state, and I'm excited about the things that are happening.

We're able to do these things because we're committed to building a strong future. Just like building a strong football team, we're always conditioning ourselves for what lies ahead.

Bear Bryant once said that to be successful  
“you have to be willing to out-condition  
your opponents.”

Mississippi is out-conditioning its  
competition, and our people are the winners.  
I’m proud to accept this on their behalf.

Thank you.