

*Remarks for the
Charlie Capps Reception / MS Council of Veterans Organizations
July 13, 2003*

- Recognize Charlie Capps / other dignitaries

- This has been a great weekend / spending time with active service men and women as well as veterans
 - Yesterday celebrated 50th anniversary of 172nd Airlift Wing of Mississippi National Guard
 - This morning met with members of American Legion at State Convention
 - Now, here to honor a special Mississippi veteran

- Charlie Capps has served America in times of war and peace
 - He has served Mississippi as well
 - He has been a strong leader for the people beyond the 28th District

- Today I'm proud to thank him for that service

- Recent months have been difficult for America
 - We're fighting a war on terrorism and we're seeing American soldiers die
 - Stark reminder of the sacrifice they have made

- Also a reminder of the sacrifice made by Charlie Capps and every veteran here today
 - Selfless service preserved our way of life and freedoms we hold dear

- On behalf of the people of Mississippi, I want to thank you for that service

- Excited that Charlie Capps is continuing his service
 - Running unopposed for re-election
 - That tells you something about the job he's doing

- Mr. Chairman, it's an honor and a pleasure to serve with you
 - Look forward to working with you again next year