

*Welcome for  
Department of Education Recognition Luncheon  
September 12, 2003*

- Recognize Dr. Johnson
- Ms. Lutz, Ms. Mauney, Mr. Bakelaar,  
Ms. Uden, Ms. Tompkins, Ms. Bell and Ms.  
Burks- It is my honor and pleasure to  
welcome you here today
- Here to celebrate your exemplary and  
commendable accomplishments as  
outstanding teachers of mathematics and  
science
- My mother and father always instilled in us  
the value of a good education and how far it  
can take you in life/
- Like many Mississippians of their  
Generation

- Neither of my parents graduated high school
- When my parents were growing up,
  - a strong back and work ethic
  - were the chief requirements of finding a good job.
- In today's workforce a well-educated mind
  - has taken the place of the strong back,
- Each of you seven are charged with the task of teaching and inspiring the youth of Mississippi/ they are 1/3 of the population, yet all of our future
- Henry Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
- Congratulation again to you all, you're an inspiration to everyone and you serve as a

model of excellence for your fellow  
colleagues