

Kickoff Canon Envirothon 2001 – MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission  
Wednesday, January 17, 2001  
1:30 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Windsor III Room

(Message: 3-5 Greetings to welcome Canon Envirothon Mississippi 2001)

### **Talking Points**

- Good Afternoon
- (Thank Clay Burns for his introduction)
- I would like to personally welcome Canon Envirothon as they host this international competition in Mississippi this July.
- This is the first time the bid to host the international competition has been awarded to a state in the Deep South.
- We are proud of the Harrison Central team that scored 4<sup>th</sup> in North America last summer in the area of Soils at the 2000 Canon Envirothon.
- Visitors from 48 states and 8 Canadian provinces will come to Mississippi in July to compete in the largest high school environmental

competition. (Note: This is a major problem solving competition for high school students)

- It is important for our children to learn to protect and care for their environment, early in life.
- Mississippi is proud to serve as host to this competition.
- We are proud to showcase our state, our people and our Southern hospitality to the nation and the world.
- Mississippi has many great natural resources, which contribute to the state's beauty.
- One reason our state has remained beautiful is because we care. We preserve and take care of our state.
- I look forward to many more opportunities to let the nation and the world know that Mississippi is a state of many opportunities and a highly competitive state.
- Thank you.