

*Remarks for the
Dedication of the Hershel Jumper Memorial Highway
August 22, 2002*

(thank Commissioner Stewart, recognize other dignitaries – family members, Rep. McCoy, Senator White, Congressman Wicker)

I am proud to be here today, to remember Herschel Jumper and to dedicate this portion of Highway 4 in his memory.

Mississippi is a state of close-knit communities, a place of family, friends and faith. Those communities are joined by roads, roads built by men like Herschel Jumper.

The road he followed through life was not unlike those of other men his age, men of what has become known as the greatest generation. From his roots in Prentiss County to the battlefields of Germany back to his native state, he worked hard.

He persevered and made a difference in Mississippi.

Because of his work, because of his dedication to doing a job right, our communities are joined by well-traveled roads.

(comment about four-laning Highway 6 from
Batesville to Pontotoc)

Some people dream of success. Others wake up
and work hard at it. Herschel Jumper woke up
years ago and accomplished what he set out to
do – and that’s why we are here to honor him.

The Herschel G. Jumper Memorial Highway –
it’s a fitting reminder of the road he followed
through life, and the work he did to bring us
together.