

*Remarks for the
Jerry St. Pé Event
October 30, 2001*

Good evening. I am proud to be here tonight to help honor the tremendous career of Jerry St. Pé. For forty years, he has worked with Ingalls, Litton and Northrop Grumman – forty years of excellence and commitment to quality.

Albert Einstein once remarked to a young friend, “try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.”

Jerry St. Pé is both.

Because of his work, because of his dedication to doing a job right, Pascagoula and the Mississippi Gulf Coast are today setting the standard for the shipbuilding industry.

From cruise ships to state-of-the-art military vessels, Jerry has had a hand in it all.

You know, some people dream of success. Others wake up and work hard at it. Jerry woke up years ago and has accomplished what he set out to do – and that's why we have a crowd this large here tonight to honor him.

*(any personal stories about Mr. St. Pé
should fit in here)*

So, Jerry, as you prepare to bring the curtain down on 40 years of hard work, I hope you will take the time to stop and smell the roses. You have earned this night and these accolades many times over, so now is your time to relax.

Live well, laugh often. Don't play too much golf; two rounds a day is plenty.

Congratulations on 40 great years, and thank you for what you have done for Mississippi.