Mississippi Economic Council Millennium in Business Celebration Thursday, May 11, 2000 12:00 p.m. Crowne Plaza

You have been asked by Blake to make some BRIEF opening remarks. Blake said, "the shorter, and more concise, the better.

- Vision for Mississippi.
- Economic Development is a high priority.
- New economic development plan. Old plan is outdated and stale.
- New Partnership with public and private partnership.
- Vibrant-growing state economy.
- Important that MS business community take an active roll in decision-making.
- MEC's support of the Teacher Pay Raise Plan to raise teacher's salaries to the Southeastern Average.
- Better education =Better jobs