

*Remarks for the  
Piney Woods 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Elders Luncheon  
August 1, 2003*

- Recognize Dr. Charles Beady and other dignitaries
  - Dolphus Weary
  - Frank Melton
  - Howard Ballou
  - Morgan Freeman
  
- Mississippi native Brandy Norwood said this about acting:
  - “The hardest part has been maintaining a small head, and remaining down to earth.”

- If that's the hardest part about acting,  
Morgan Freeman has it down cold
  - He has remained true to his roots here in Mississippi
  - Maintains a home and business interests here
  - Stays involved with community and cultural programs
  
- Also happens to own one of the best restaurants in the state and one of the best blues clubs as well

- There's an old Mississippi saying that the most important things we can pass to the next generation are roots and wings
  - Morgan's wings have taken him to the heights of his profession
  - His roots have kept him close to home
  - For that, we're thankful

■ *Read proclamation*