

MISSISSIPPI MINUTE 09/06/02 (ANDY MARTIN 957-8877)

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR NOW SINCE THE DEADLIEST ATTACKS ON AMERICAN SOIL.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE VOICED THE OPINION THAT THE FALLING TWIN TOWERS IN NEW YORK WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FALLING OF AMERICA. I DISAGREE.

IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS SINCE THE ATTACKS, AMERICA HAS PULLED ITSELF UP AND STOOD STRONGER, TALLER AND PROUDER THAN EVER BEFORE.

FROM THE HUSTLE OF NEW YORK TO THE CALM OF A SMALL TOWN IN MISSISSIPPI, THE FEELINGS HAVE BEEN THE SAME. WE SHARE A COMMON BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM THAT MAKE AMERICA THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH, AND A COMMON CARING FOR THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING.

PRESIDENT BUSH WILL LEAD OUR NATION'S REMEMBRANCE ON SEPTEMBER 11, AND SPEAK TO THE COUNTRY THAT EVENING. AFTER THE CEREMONIES IN NEW YORK, WE WILL GATHER IN JACKSON TO REFLECT ON THE DAY AND RENEW OUR OWN HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

OUR NATION HAS BEEN SCARRED BY THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, BUT WE CAN AND WILL MOVE ON. WE OWE IT TO THE INNOCENTS WHO DIED THAT DAY, AND TO GENERATIONS TO COME.

I'M RONNIE MUSGROVE, AND THIS HAS BEEN THE MISSISSIPPI MINUTE. THANKS FOR LISTENING.