

July 24, 2003

Dr. C. L. Stevenson, Superintendent
South Panola School District
209 Boothe Street
Batesville, Mississippi 38606

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

It is my privilege and honor to provide this letter of support for Representative Leonard Morris' nomination as a *Friend of Education*. Representative Morris is a true friend to education, not only in Panola County, but throughout Mississippi.

Leonard Morris has given of his time as a public servant both at the local and state level. He served the students and parents of the South Panola School District on their Board for fifteen years. I had the pleasure of serving the Board as its attorney and always found Leonard to have the children's best interest at heart. During this time he also served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Mississippi School Board Association.

Leonard has represented the constituency of House District 11 in the Mississippi House of Representatives since 1993. He is widely respected among his fellow legislators and serves as Vice Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. However, he still has a passion for education and has served as a viable member of the Education Committee since joining the Legislature.

I am pleased to offer my support to Leonard's nomination. Representative Morris understands that good schools build good jobs, which build good communities and he works towards this goal every day.

Very truly yours,

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