

*Remarks for the
Mississippi Voices for America
October 14, 2001*

Good afternoon, and thank you for being here to help celebrate America!

On September 11, we were hit and hit hard. We were down, but we weren't out. And now, we're coming back stronger than ever.

I'm proud to be here with you, and to support those who need our help. Since the attacks on our country, we've lost the geographic lines that used to divide us – the Mason-Dixon line no longer separates the North and the South.

We don't see each other as black or white anymore; we only see red, white and blue!

Simply, we are all Americans. That's a quality we all share, and one that can't be taken away.

We are "one nation, under God." Our future is secure because our faith is strong.

And now, we are at war against those who would bring terror to our shores and to innocent people. Make no doubt about it – we will win this war.

We'll win because we are an ideal for millions around the world. We are the personification of the principles of freedom, liberty and justice.

Today, I ask you to remember not only those who lost their lives and loved ones on September 11, but those serving in our armed forces today. Their mission is clear, but they need our support and our prayers.

As I said, we will win this conflict. Our heads are high. Our determination is strong. Our commitment is clear.

Thank you for being here today, to raise
Mississippi Voices for America.

God bless our nation and its people!