

*Remarks for the
Newcomen Society
April 29, 2003*

- Recognize Eddie Briggs, George Harmon
 - Evening's Guest of Honor, Bill Yates

- I was asked to make kind remarks about Bill Yates
 - That's an easy request

- He is the classic businessman
 - Honest in his dealings
 - Forthright in the way he does business
 - Keeps his promises

- General contractor for the Nissan plant in Canton
 - Has brought it in ahead of schedule and under budget
 - That sends a strong message about doing business in Mississippi

- That's a message that we need to keep sending
 - Proud of Bill Yates
 - Proud of all he does / all he stands for

- It's been said that doing well is the result of doing good
 - Bill Yates is doing well
 - We all know why