

*Remarks to the
Dedication of the Senatobia Readiness Center
June 21, 2001*

Thank you, General Lipscomb.

This is an great day for Mississippi, and I know it is a proud and exciting day for the family of General Nat Troutt.

Just a little while ago, I had the honor of participating in the dedication of the Nat Troutt Road at Camp McCain.

Now, we are gathered to honor General Troutt again, as we dedicate the Senatobia Readiness Center in his name.

It is fitting that we remember General Troutt through these ceremonies, because his life and career were built around dedication – dedication to his family, his state and his country.

His record of service is long and stellar.

General Troutt won the Legion of Merit; the National Defense Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

He worked his way up the chain of command, from Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1952, to Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard.

He even found time to serve as Jerry Lee Lewis' attorney.

No one can look at the life of General Nat Troutt and not see that he was a man of honor, courage and commitment.

It is because of those qualities that we honor him today.

I wish General Troutt were here today, so we could personally say thank you to him – thanks for what he gave to his state and his nation, and to all who had the honor to know him.

Thank you.

