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MDOC EMPLOYEE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE AS RELAY TORCHBEARER FOR THE 2002 WINTER OLYMPICS

Jackson – Bill Greenleaf, Communications Specialist with the Mississippi Department of Corrections has been selected along with approximately 11,500 other torch relay participants nationally to carry the Olympic Flame leading up to the 2002 Winter Olympics which will begin on February 8 in Salt Lake City. The Chevrolet Motor Division, a major corporate sponsor of the Winter Games, through the 2002 Chevrolet Torchbearer Nomination Program, received nominations through a nationwide appeal to be judged for selection as Olympics Flame Bearers. Each nominator was required to write an essay on why they felt their candidate should be selected. A close family friend nominated Greenleaf's name.

"I am deeply honored not only to have had my name placed in nomination to serve as a Torchbearer, but equally as important to me to have been selected in nationwide competition to represent the United States in this magnificent event. It is a prestigious honor I shall always cherish," said Greenleaf.

The Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay is an International event. The Olympic Flame is lit in Greece and flown to the United States via special arrangements. The torch relay begins on December 4, 2001 in Atlanta Georgia and ends on February 8, 2002 in Salt Lake City. During the course of 65 days, the Torchbearer Relay will pass through 46 states and will travel over 13,500 miles. In addition to torchbearers, the Olympic Flame will be transported by: automobile, airplane, train, ship, skier, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skater, covered wagon, and other unique modes.

Bill Greenleaf, who is representing Ridgeland, will begin his leg on the Olympic Flames' journey to Salt Lake in New Orleans. The Flame is scheduled to arrive there on December 9.