

July 31, 2001

Lieutenant Commander Wilson J. Washington, Jr.
United States Navy
Meridian, Mississippi 39309

Dear Lieutenant Commander Washington:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am extremely honored to extend best wishes to you upon the celebration of your retirement after many years of loyal service to the United Navy.

You have exhibited outstanding and courageous service to all who make up these United States of America. In your years of service, you have served as a diplomat for our country and the great state of Mississippi. We all offer our gratitude to you for the sacrifices you have endured which have allowed all of us to remain a free society.

Thank you for many wonderful years of service and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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