

June 15, 2001

Dear Petty Officer Smith:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am extremely honored to extend best wishes to you upon the celebration of your retirement after 20 years of loyal service to the 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 sailed the world as a diplomat for 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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