

June 19, 2001

James T. Wiley, Sr.
City of Durant
P.O. Box 272
Durant, Mississippi 39063

Dear Mr. Wiley:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend my best wishes and congratulations upon the celebration of your retirement as Mayor of the City of Durant.

Under the last four years of your most capable leadership, the City of Durant has experienced remarkable progress and success. You have also paved the way for diverse leadership by becoming the first black mayor of Durant.

As you conclude your career as a dedicated employee of the City of Durant, be assured that your efforts and accomplishments will forever serve as an inspiration for those who follow in your footsteps, to continue to build bright futures for the people of our great state.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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