



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KIRK FORDICE
GOVERNOR

September 1, 1998

Dear Members:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I would like to express my appreciation for your dedication and commitment to artistic expressions through the joy of music. We truly appreciate your tireless efforts to share the universal language. You have served your state in an exemplary manner.

It has been said that Mississippi sings like no other place on earth. Music that emerged from Mississippi has influenced the culture of our nation and world. Most agree that Mississippi's musical heritage is the result of our rich cultural mix. I commend your achievements and your contributions to a significant cultural influence, which is an integral component of Mississippi history.

The First Lady and I look forward to your future accomplishments in the field of music. We know your "message in song" will continue to enhance the lives of the young and the mature. Together, we work toward "A New Millennium...A New Mississippi." May God bless you and the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Fordice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

KIRK FORDICE
Governor

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