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Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend greeting to everyone in attendance at the Best of the South Classic Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament. Welcome to the beautiful and friendly State of Mississippi.

Athletics is a great way for our youth to develop skills that will last a lifetime. In addition, families create memories and friendships that are life-long. Mississippi is very proud to host this wonderful event that promotes healthy competition and an exceptional display of talent.

Good luck to everyone during the games. You are all winners!

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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