

May 1, 2001

Robert L. Rice
Starkville Manor Nursing Home
Post Office Box 1466
Starkville, Mississippi 39760

Dear Mr. Rice:

As Governor of the great State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend best wishes to you on the occasion of the celebration of your **71st** Birthday.

You have reached a very important milestone. The celebration of **71** years of life is indeed a great blessing. Please know that I deeply appreciate the many contributions you have made throughout our lifetime. Your efforts have helped to make Mississippi a better place for all of us.

Happy Birthday and best wishes for many more wonderful years. Please feel free to call on me whenever I may be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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