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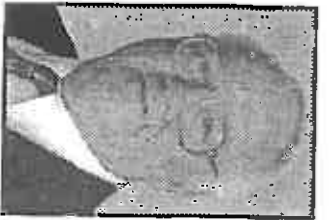


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JACK R. RHODES



Our honoree tonight is Mr. Jack R. Rhodes who recently retired from the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi as Vice President of Economic Development.

Rhodes is a native of Winston County, Mississippi and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Rhodes. Upon his graduation from Louisville High School Rhodes attended Mississippi State University, receiving his

bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry in 1958. Upon graduation he was immediately employed by the Mississippi Forestry Commission as a management forester and later as a district forester.

In 1966, he joined the staff of the Mississippi A&I Board, now the Mississippi Development Authority, as manager of the agricultural industries division and later served as associate director and secretary of the Mississippi Marketing Council. He has served as a member of the Mississippi Economic Development Council since 1967, the Southern Economic Development Council since 1970, and served as a special assistant to Governor Paul B. Johnson. The United States Secretary of Commerce presented two citations to Mr. Rhodes for increasing U.S. trade overseas and later awarded him the President's "E" for Excellence Award in 1968 for work in promoting exports.

In 1969, Mr. Rhodes joined the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi as director of economic development and later rising to the position of vice president of economic development. He was one of the organizers and a board member of the National Rural Economic Developers Association.

Mr. Rhodes was recognized for his achievements as recipient of the State of Mississippi's top economic development honor, the Harry A. Martin Outstanding Mississippi Economic Developer Award in 1996 and in 2001 received the Economic Developer of the Year award, the highest honor given by the National Rural Economic Developers Association.

Rhodes is married to the former Marguerite Cumberland of Preston, Mississippi and presently reside in Cluckstadt, Mississippi. They have one son, Scott.

Tonight we commend and praise Mr. Jack R. Rhodes for his years of exemplary service in the field of economic development and extend to him and his family our heartfelt wishes for many more years of good health, happiness and success in all future endeavors.

AGENDA

Welcome and
Sponsor Recognition

Robert Ingram
University of Southern
Mississippi

Invocation

Steve Kelly, President
Mississippi Economic
Development Council

Dinner

Introduction of Head Table
and Special Guests

Robert Ingram

Special Comments

Bob Rohrlack
Executive Director
Mississippi Development
Authority

"Rhodes" Roasting

Charleigh Ford
Jim Miller
Lucien Bourgeois

"The Rhodes Road"
Commemorative video

Special Presentations

Robert Ingram
Hobson Waits and others

Honoree Response

Jack Rhodes

Closing Remarks

Robert Ingram