

Letter of Recommendation

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September 16, 1999

Ms. Jannie Whitt
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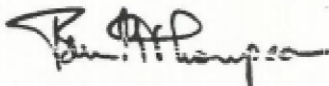
Dear Ms. Whitt:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support of your efforts to expand economic development in Holmes County. W & W International, Inc. is having a tremendous impact by extending job opportunities while training the workforce, increasing household incomes and providing hope for those who have been traditionally left out of the economic mainstream.

As one of the most economically deprived counties in Mississippi, the continued development and expansion of W & W International, Inc. are key to formulating an economic base in Holmes County. As Congressman for the Second Congressional District, please know that I support your efforts.

If my office may provide additional assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

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September 9, 1999

Ms. Jannie Whitt
W & W International, Inc.
P.O. Box 269
Tchula, MS 39169

Dear Ms. Whitt:

I am thrilled that W & W International chose to locate in Holmes County in 1998. W & W has met the challenges of opening a new industry in a rural area and are proving it can be done successfully. Your employees are producing high-quality products that I am proud to say are made in Holmes County.

W & W is having a major economic impact on Holmes County by creating desperately needed jobs. The county has suffered a major economic blow in losing over 600 jobs with the closing of Durant Electric and desperately needs to provide employment opportunities for her citizens. The unemployment rate in the county has soared to 19%. With a willing workforce, all that is needed is the opportunity and that is what W & W is providing.

While much of Mississippi is experiencing an economic turnaround, too many areas of our state have not reaped the benefits of a strong economy. In the 1980's Holmes County was the poorest county in the nation and little has changed in our rural county. The ray of hope for rural Mississippi is for companies like W & W to boldly decide to locate in these areas and give the people a chance to prove their strong work ethic. You and your employees are to be commended for the outstanding effort you are putting forth.

Many thanks for helping prove it can be done in Holmes County. If I can ever be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Stevens".
Mary Ann Stevens

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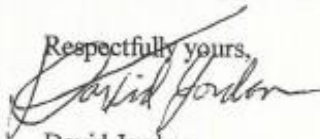
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To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully call your attention to the seriousness of jobs for the citizens in the deprived area such as Tchula, Mississippi. W & W International, Inc. relocated to Tchula, Mississippi on July 1, 1998, has developed and proven that it is a viable company which can provide jobs and good wages for people to support their families: and yet remain in the community without having to go out of the county for work.

Under the inspired leadership of W & W International, Inc., it has developed and built up a company which has a high point of efficiency and of high standard. I applaud them for their effort to support the workers and the community.

Respectfully yours,

David Jordan
State Senator