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request the pleasure of your company at dinner to honor

THE HONORABLE THAD COCHRAN

Wednesday, March 22, 1995 The Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC

6:30 P.M. COCKTAILS 7:30 P.M. DINNER

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"Senator Thad Cochran has served our state and nation well in his leadership role in the U.S. Senate. The Congressional Archives will honor his invaluable service and his dedication, along with that of other Mississippi statesmen."

> —JOHN GRISHAM Author, Attorney, Former Legislator, and Ole Miss Law School Graduate

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SENATOR THAD COCHRAN

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI HONORS the dedicated service of Senator Thad Cochran and other Mississippians through the establishment of the Congressional Archives, which will chronicle more than 200 years of combined service by Mississippi statesmen to their districts, their state, and their nation.

Because of his role as Mississippi's senior senator, Senator Cochran's papers will be the focal point of the Congressional Archives. The Archives also will feature documents donated by alumni of the University's School of Law and other distinguished Mississippians including Representative Jamie Whitten, Senator James Eastland, Senator Pat Harrison, Representative John Rankin, Representative Will Whittington, Representative Tom Abernethy, House Door Keeper William "Fish Bait" Miller, and former Governor Ray Mabus, who currently serves as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Thad Cochran made his first bid for public office in 1972, when he successfully campaigned for the post of U.S. Representative for the Fourth District of Mississippi. In 1978, he became the first Republican in more than 100 years to win a statewide election in Mississippi.

Senator Cochran serves as chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, and senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Following a Republican sweep in the 1994 elections, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole named Senator Cochran to head the Senate Transition Committee and appointed him cochairman of the National Security Task Force.

During his congressional career, Senator Cochran has served as a member of the committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Rules, Governmental Affairs, and Indian Affairs. He also has written legislation to fund a variety of educational programs including teacher training, vocational education, libraries, educational television, and adult literacy.

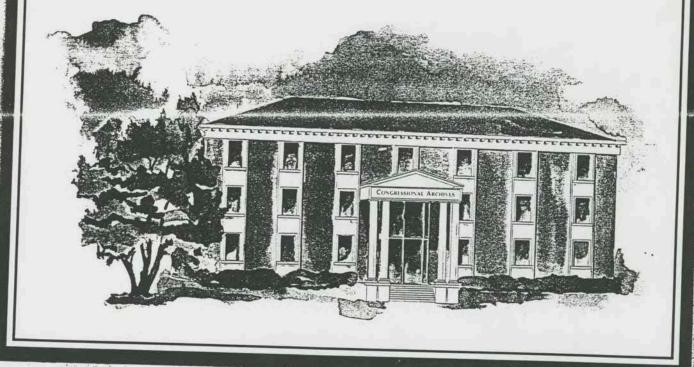
Senator Cochran earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology and a minor in political science from Ole Miss in 1955. After a two-year tour of active duty in the U.S. Navy, he entered the University's School of Law. He graduated in 1965 with a Juris Doctorate.

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# UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

Mississippi Congressional Archives

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI



6:45pm VIP reception ends.

7:15pm Doors open as Capital Band begins playing

7:30pm Guests are seated. Waiters pour wine as guests arrive at their tables.

7:32pm Chancellor Turner gives brief welcoming remarks, recognizes major contributors and dinner committee chairs and introduces John Palmer.

7:35pm John Palmer gives brief welcoming remarks. Invites everyone to stand for presentation of Colors and National Anthem.

7:43pm John Palmer introduces Senator Cochran's family and Governor Fordice

1:44pm Governor Fordice gives brief greeting

7:48pm John Palmer introduces Senator Dole

1:50pm Senator Dole gives remarks

8:00pm Dinner is served

19:15pm John Palmer introduces Mary Ann Mobley 12 cog nne Com COMB

9:20pm Mary Ann performs "My Boy Bill" and introduces John Grisham

9:25pm Grisham remarks

9:30pm Buses and cars restage outside Mellon Auditorium

9:40pm Bernie Ebbers introduces Senator Lott

9:43pm Senator Lott remarks and introduces video

9:46pm VIDEO

9:52pm Senator Thad Cochran remarks

10:00pm Haley Barbour offers toast and leads group in Ole Miss Alma Mater

10:15pm EVENT OVER.

Guests reboard buses and depart for Embassy Suites Limo returns Chancelor and Mrs. Turner and Mary Ann Mobley and Gary Collins to Embassy Suites Sedan returns John Grisham to airport taluy Barbour

TO: Senator Dole FR: Kerry

\*I double-checked. The last Republican Mississippi Senator before Senator Cochran was in faced named Blanche Bruce.

THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU THIS EVENING IN SALUTING A MAN I AM PROUD TO CALL MY COLLEAGUE AND MY FRIEND.

I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM TONIGHT'S DINNER WILL BE USED TO CREATE A CONGRESSIONAL ARCHIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY.

I'VE BEEN A LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF LIBRARIES. IN FACT, I BELIEVE IN LIBRARIES SO MUCH THAT EVEN THOUGH KANSAS ALREADY HAS THE EISENHOWER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, I AM GOING TO DO ALL I CAN TO SEE THAT ONE DAY, WE WILL HAVE A SECOND PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY. I DO WANT TO PASS ALONG THE BEST WISHES OF MY WIFE.

**ELIZABETH REALLY WANTED TO** COME TONIGHT. SHE'S FROM NORTH CAROLINA, AND SHE **ALWAYS LIKE TO GO PLACES** WHERE PEOPLE THINK I SPEAK WITH AN ACCENT, AND SHE DOESN'T. SHE KNEW, HOWEVER, THAT WITH A CROWD THIS SIZE, SHE COULDN'T RESIST STARTING A **BLOOD DRIVE, AND SHE REALIZED** THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DISRUPTIVE.

I KNOW THIS IS A NON PARTISAN GATHERING, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOW MUCH THAD HAS MET TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

WHEN I ARRIVED IN CONGRESS, THERE WAS NO REPUBLICAN PARTY IN MISSISSIPPI.

AND WHEN THAD ARRIVED IN 1972, HE <u>WAS THE ENTIRE</u> REPUBLICAN PARTY IN MISSISSIPPI.

BUT THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI **KNEW THEY HAD AN OUTSTANDING** PUBLIC SERVANT AND THAD **COCHRAN, AND IN 1978 THEY** MADE HIM THEIR FIRST REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATOR SINCE A GENTLEMAN NAMED BLANCHE BRUCE WAS ELECTED IN 1874.

BY THE WAY, SENATOR THURMOND, WHO SERVED WITH SENATOR BRUCE, REPORTS THAT HE WAS A "FINE FELLOW."

SINCE THAD'S FIRST ELECTION TO THE SENATE, MUCH HAS CHANGED. MISSISSIPPI NOW HAS A **REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR, A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN**, **ANOTHER REPUBLICAN SENATOR--**WHO, LIKE THAD, IS A MEMBER OF **OUR LEADERSHIP--AND BOTH THE** CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF OUR PARTY ARE FROM MISSISSIPPI. IN FACT, I CAN'T HOLD A LUNCH MEETING ANYMORE WITHOUT

SOMEONE ASKING ME WHY I'M NOT SERVING CATFISH.

I KNOW I SPEAK FOR ALL SENATORS--REGARDLESS OF PARTY--IN SAYING THAT IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH THAD. HE IS RESPECTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE FOR HIS **INTELLIGENCE, HIS INTEGRITY, HIS** COMMITMENT TO ISSUES RANGING FROM AGRICULTURE TO EDUCATION **TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND HIS** ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE. THAD AND I AGREE ON ALMOST **EVERY ISSUE, BUT, IN CLOSING** TONIGHT, I DO WANT TO **ANNOUNCE ONE ISSUE ON WHICH** WE HAVE "AGREED TO DISAGREE." THAD THINKS THAT MISSISSIPPI STATE WILL WIN THE NCAA **BASKETBALL TITLE, AND I'M** STICKING WITH THE KANSAS JAYHAWKS.