A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, World War II and the Korean Conflict called on young men across the nation to defend their country against the tyrants of the world who would have them stripped of their freedom if not for the sacrifice of their innocence; and

WHEREAS, young men were pulled from their homes and schools, sacrificing the treasures of youth to take up the burden of men to defend the basic human rights of people across the world; to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reinforced the foundation of our great country and the purpose of undertaking a war that would be so costly by saying:

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.
The first is freedom of speech and expression--everywhere in the world.
The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way--
everywhere in the world.
The third is freedom from want . . . everywhere in the world.
The fourth is freedom from fear . . . anywhere in the world.

WHEREAS, today, the young men who were inducted in military service before completing graduation requirements for Mississippi High School, between 1941 and 1955 are gathered for their long-awaited graduation and to be honored for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our country and everything they sacrificed to defend it:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 11, 2002, as

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, HONOR, AND EDUCATION

in the State of Mississippi and encourage younger Americans to make the cross-generation connections to hear the stories, the wisdom, and the life-long lessons our seniors have learned. The youth of today is the future of tomorrow; they will eventually take the reins of power to build upon what we too often take for granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, October 28, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR