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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to nominate Ms. Rica Lewis-Payton for this year's American Women and Politics / Good Housekeeping Award. Ms. Lewis-Payton serves as Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid for the State of Mississippi.

As an advocate for quality medical services and health care, Ms. Lewis-Payton has committed her energies and efforts to improving the overall health of every Mississippian. Under her leadership, the Division of Medicaid is now providing benefits to more than 330,000 children, an increase of over 28 percent since she started eighteen months ago.

Since first meeting Ms. Lewis-Payton, I have been impressed with her energy, her determination and her professionalism. These qualities and so many more have had a positive impact on the people of Mississippi, and I am proud to have her as a part of my team.

Very truly yours,

Ronnie Musgrove

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