

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, founded in 1957, the Biblesones Quartet are the oldest and continuous performing gospel group in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Biblesones have recorded over 40 albums and a couple of videos—they perform over 100 dates each year, seventy-five percent in churches, across the Southeastern half of the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of their appearances include Sunday Night at the Grand Old Opry, the Gospel Singing Jubilee as a part of the World's Fair in New Orleans, and a role in the World's Fair Commercial produced by the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, group members are Howard Rutland, singer/manager and a resident of Gulfport, Mississippi, Danny Jackson Jr., tenor and a resident of Gulfport, Mississippi, Tim Watkins, bass and a resident of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and Laine Debrow, baritone and a resident of Purvis, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Biblesones have an annual Homecoming sponsored by Harrison County Sheriff George Payne—this event benefits various youth and jail ministry programs; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the Biblesones Quartet 31st Annual Homecoming:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 28, 2003, as

BIBLETONES QUARTET DAY

in the State of Mississippi.

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, June 27th 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR