

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Reverend Bill Glass has been reaching out to those people who are incarcerated by sharing the Gospel with inmates all over the nation; and

WHEREAS, over the 34 years that Bill Glass has conducted prison ministries, volunteers have visited with over one million inmates, inspiring many to make life-changing decisions by accepting and maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, his Dallas-based ministry *Bill Glass Ministries*, now known as *Champions for Life*, has a staff of thirty-five and volunteers numbering in the thousands; and

WHEREAS, the ministry stages citywide crusades called *Celebrations of Champions* and motivational, anti-drug school events called *Champions for Today* but is best known for *Weekends of Champions*—a high-energy crusade conducted inside prisons across the country; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Glass captures the attention of the inmates through the testimonies of his “champions” including pro athletes, champion weight lifters, magicians, tight-rope walkers and race cars, stunt planes, motorcycles, and anything or anyone else who can motivate the inmates through God’s message; and

WHEREAS, *Weekends of Champions* has visited prisons across Mississippi, including Pearl, Walnut Grove and Leaksville and will be returning to Parchman Prison for the fifth time on March 27 through March 30, 2003:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 27 through March 30, 2003, as a

WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS

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, March 24, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR