

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* was the oldest orbiter in the Shuttle fleet and was the first Space Shuttle to fly into Earth orbit in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* had a diverse crew consisting of Commander Rick D. Husband of Texas, Pilot William C. McCool of California, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson of Washington, Mission Specialist David M. Brown of Virginia, Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla of Karnal, India—the first Indian woman in space, Mission Specialist Laurel Blair Salton Clark of Wisconsin, and Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon of Tel Aviv, Israel—the first Israeli astronaut in history; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America mourned the loss of these brave astronauts on February 1, 2003, when the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke up during re-entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Galloway United Methodist Church will be presenting Andrew Lloyd Weber's "**Requiem**" and the final movement of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, the "**Ode to Joy**" chorus—conducted by Robert McBain, in collaboration with the University of Mississippi Men's Glee, the University of Mississippi Concert Singers, the Mississippi Girlchoir, the Galloway Chorale, the Belhaven Concert Choir, the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and vocal soloists Anna McDonald, Viola Dacus, Stuart Neill, Horace English and Joshua Smith, to honor the *Columbia* astronauts, in particular Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson who has family in Canton, Mississippi; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 13, 2003, as the day of

**MISSISSIPPI MEMORIAM**

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, April 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR