

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark, Jr. was born on October 3, 1928, in Ebenezer, Mississippi-- is a graduate of Jackson State University and received his Master's Degree in Administration and Educational Services from Michigan State University, a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Tougaloo College in 2003 and completed additional studies at Mississippi Valley State University, Florida A&M University, and Western Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Robert G. Clark, a native of Holmes County, who resides in Ebenezer, Mississippi, is completing 36 years of outstanding, dedicated service as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from District 47 (Holmes, Attala and Yazoo Counties), and is completing his third 4-year term as Speaker Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, he is recognized nationally for his service on the Policy and Steering Committee of Education Commission of the States, the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators and various study committees on education and other vital state and national issues; and

WHEREAS, as Speaker Pro Tempore, he serves as Chairman of the House Management Committee, which oversees internal business affairs and personnel of the Mississippi House of Representatives-- Robert Clark is also on the Advisory Board for the Delta Research and Cultural Institute (DRCI), the senior ranking member of Mississippi's Legislative Black Caucus, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Action for Community Education in Greenwood, Mississippi (MACE), and Chairman of the Mississippi Action for Community Education Fund Board, ; and

WHEREAS, he has worked diligently to make the R.F.K. Holmes County Economic Development Agency a reality-- his efforts were rewarded by Holmes County's inclusion in the United States Department of Agriculture's Empowerment Zone and the arrival of a correctional facility that provided residents with jobs and enabled young criminals to be rehabilitated closer to home; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Pro Tempore Clark is the recipient of numerous awards for his civic services including the Outstanding Achievement Award for Education in Mississippi, the Award of Distinction and the Outstanding Leadership Award presented by the University of Mississippi, and Alumnus of the Year from Jackson State University; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Pro Tempore Clark has indicated that he will retire at the expiration of his present term, in order to spend time with his wife, the former Jo Ann Ross, and children, daughter LaLeche, and sons Robert George III and Bryant Wandrick:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 27, 2003, as

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE ROBERT G. CLARK DAY

in the State of Mississippi to honor the distinguished career of Speaker Pro Tempore Robert G. Clark, his countless achievements and to commend his dedication to the citizens 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 25, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR