

By putting schools first and working to create quality jobs, Governor Ronnie Musgrove is making a difference for Mississippi.

Because of Governor Musgrove's leadership, education was fully funded for FY 2004 during the first month of the 2003 legislative session at an increase of \$300 million above FY 2003 appropriations; Mississippi is the first state to place an Internet-accessible computer in every public classroom; teacher pay will raise from 49th to 19th in the nation; 52,000 Mississippi children have access to healthcare; and, Mississippi has created over 49,000 new jobs and businesses have invested more than \$13 billion in new and expanded facilities, including the \$1.4 billion Nissan plant with 5,300 jobs.

Governor Musgrove serves on the Southern Regional Education Board (chairman), the Southern States Energy Board (chairman), the National Assessment Governing Board, the Executive Committee of the Southern Governors Association, the Southern Growth Policies Board (chairman), and the Executive Committee of the Democratic Governors' Association and the National Governors' Association.

A graduate of Northwest Community College, the University of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Law School, Governor Musgrove is the proud father of two children, Jordan (17) and Carmen Rae (14).