

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Eloise Hale Scott has been a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives since 1988, representing District 17 in Lee County and serves on Appropriations, Banks and Banking, and Juvenile Justice, is Chair of the Ethics Committee and is former Vice-Chair of the House Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her legislative career, Representative Scott has been a leader in efforts to improve education, ensure adequate funding for public schools, reduce classroom violence, promote economic development, provide for better highways, and help prepare people for better paying jobs—she has taken special interest in issues affecting youth, families and the under-privileged; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scott holds a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) and a Master's Degree from the University of Mississippi—a former teacher, she was selected as Mississippi Vocational Home Economics Teacher of the Year in 1982 and was merit finalist and first runner-up as National Vocational Home Economic Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Representative Scott has made many significant contributions to vocational education and to the educational community at large and was awarded the 2002 NASDVTEc Distinguished Service Award and the 2002 National Association of State Directors of Careers and Technical Education award; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scott has initiated legislation and promoted interest in early childhood intervention for many years, resulting in a number of programs including the *Right From Birth Series*; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scott has introduced several pieces of significant legislation including: Displaced Homemakers Act, Early Childhood Services Interagency Council and Advisory Committee, Equity in Vocation Education, Mississippi Center for Adult Literacy, Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women, and Mississippi Literacy Resource Center: and

WHEREAS, Representative Eloise Hale Scott will be retiring after the 2003 Legislative Session but her legacy as a champion for education will forever be an influence on the State of Mississippi:

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

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR