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Musgrove Proclaims May 6 – 12 as Employee Correctional Week

Governor Ronnie Musgrove has declared May 6 – 12, 2001, as the first Correctional Employee Week for the state of Mississippi. National Correctional Officer Week is an annual event that recognizes the millions of people who work in the field of corrections and are responsible for maintaining the public's safety by ensuring the safe and secure incarceration of inmates.

As part of Correctional Employee Week, the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Community Services Division has selected employees that have gone above and beyond the call of duty and represent the thousands of Mississippians who work for the state's correctional system. In Region III, Flowood Community Work Center and Restitution Center Commander Diana Robbins is that person.

Robbins started her career at MDOC as a correctional officer at the Warren County Community Work Center almost 23 years ago. At the Warren County Community Work Center, Robbins worked her way up the chain of command to assistant director. In 1995, Robbins began her position as director at the Flowood CWC. In her position as director, Robbins is responsible for the daily activities of the CWC and oversees 160 female offenders.

During her many years at MDOC, Robbins said, "The most significant change I've encountered at MDOC is that now there are actual policies and procedures for us to follow. In the past, we didn't have any guidelines to follow and it helps a lot now that we have these policies and procedure in place." Robbins also mentioned that the advancing technology has also contributed to the many changes in the field of corrections. "With the increase of computers alone, MDOC has really grown," said Robbins.

In all of the different job positions Robbins has held at MDOC, she really enjoys her position as CWC director the most. "It is most rewarding when offenders leave the CWC with a GED certificate who couldn't even read or write when they got here; that is really something," Robbins said. "I think that education is the key that keeps them from getting into trouble again too."

Robbins lives in Vicksburg with her husband, Chauncey Robbins and their three-year-old son. In her spare time, Robbins enjoys reading novels and magazines, walking and working with children.

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Media Note: The Mississippi Department of Corrections has a digital photo of Diana Robbins is available to media organizations that would like a copy. If you are interested, e-mail Claire Papizan, MDOC Communications Specialist, at cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us or call 601.359.5689.

