Miss. Department of Corrections *723 N. President St. *Jackson, Miss. *39202 *(601) 359-5600 *Fax: (601) 359-5738

Date: April 24, 2003 Contact: Ken Jones Phone: (601) 359-5608 Fax: (601) 359-5738

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

100 MDOC PRISON EMPLOYEES RECEIVE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND SERVICE AWARDS DURING MARCH

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees from the state's three public institutions were presented recognition and awards during December. The awards program was initiated by the agency in July 2001 to recognize exemplary employees within the MDOC. The state corrections agency currently has over 3,600 people in its employ statewide.

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Recognition Award Recipients

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Job Title</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Award</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Youtarvia Swims | Correctional Officer II | Jackson | Correctional Officer of the Month |
| Gloria Hollins | Correctional Officer III | Jackson | Extra Effort Award |
| Kevin Nunn | Transportation Sergeant | Jackson | Extra Effort Award |

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Service Award Recipients

| <u>Name</u> | Hometown | Years of Service |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dora Bibbs | Florence | 5 |
| James Cox | Brandon | 5 |
| Willie Greer | Jackson | 5 |
| Nettie Mayberry | Yazoo City | 5 |
| Sandra Mosley | Jackson | 5 |
| Rosa Pilgrim | Yazoo City | 5 |
| Johnny Roe | Pearl | 5 |

(more)

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Service Award Recipients (cont.)

| <u>Name</u> | Hometown | Years of Service |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sandra Smith | Brandon | 5 |
| Patricia Williams | Forest | 5 |
| Mary Young | Yazoo City | 5 |
| Connie Brown | Canton | 10 |
| Debra Byrd | Edwards | 10 |
| Donald Carter | Jackson | 10 |
| Kattie Dishmon | Jackson | 10 |
| Norma Graham | Brandon | 10 |
| Sheryl Armstrong | Jackson | 15 |
| Beverly Mabry | Jackson | 15 |
| Pinkie McMurray | Jackson | 15 |
| Itica Gilmore | Jackson | 20 |
| Jacqueline Parker | Pearl | 20 |

Mississippi State Penitentiary Recognition Award Recipients

| Name | <u>Job Title</u> | Hometown | <u>Award</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nathaniel Boss | Correctional Supervisor | Shelby | Security Officer of the Month |
| Gloria Gibbs | Records Technician Supervisor | Webb | Staff Employee of the Month |
| Fred Moore | Correctional Officer IV | Mound Bayou | Correctional Officer of the Month |
| James Gwinn | Correctional Officer IV | Greenwood | Extra Effort Award |

Mississippi State Penitentiary Service Award Recipients

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | Years of Service |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Melinda Buckner | Mound Bayou | 5 |
| Deborah Dekraai | Merigold | 5 |
| Margaret Harris | Rome | 5 |
| James Hill | Greenwood | 5 |
| Shirley Jackson | Marks | 5 |
| La Vetti Johnson | Indianola | 5 |
| Erma Lawson | Shelby | 5 |
| Glenda Morris | Parchman | 5 |
| Charles Nalls | Greenwood | 5 |
| Jacqueline Paden | Clarksdale | 5 |
| Sam Ross | Grenada | 5 |
| Sherry Seals | Ruleville | 5 |

(more)

Mississippi State Penitentiary Service Award Recipients (cont.)

| Geneva Smith | Ruleville | 5 |
|------------------------|-------------|----|
| Jerry Smith | Cleveland | 5 |
| Lewis Anderson | Tutwiler | 10 |
| Robert Brasher | Lambert | 10 |
| Linda Brown | Itta Bena | 10 |
| Maxine Conner | Clarksdale | 10 |
| Linda Dorsey | Mound Bayou | 10 |
| Elise Reed Edmond | Shelby | 10 |
| John Farmer | Tutwiler | 10 |
| Melvin First | Drew | 10 |
| Willie Frieson | Swan Lake | 10 |
| Terry Gallion | Shelby | 10 |
| Linda Hall | Merigold | 10 |
| Marilyn Johnson | Tutwiler | 10 |
| Patricia Jones | Tutwiler | 10 |
| Rupert Little | Cleveland | 10 |
| Albert Love | Sumner | 10 |
| Victoria McFarland | Rome | 10 |
| Annette Ratliff | Ruleville | 10 |
| Christopher Richardson | Clarksdale | 10 |
| Jacqueline Richardson | Clarksdale | 10 |
| Jimmy Richardson | Shelby | 10 |
| J. Roberson | Glendora | 10 |
| Quincy Smith | Drew | 10 |
| Tracy Stapleton | Merigold | 10 |
| Robert Sturdivant | Webb | 10 |
| Edward Thigpen | Drew | 10 |
| Laurie Watts | Ruleville | 10 |
| Minnie Williams | Shelby | 10 |
| Caroline Banyard | Ruleville | 15 |
| Carolyn Brownlow | Greenwood | 15 |
| Mary Craft | Itta Bena | 15 |
| Lisa Echols | Cleveland | 15 |
| Ethel Hemphill | Greenwood | 15 |
| Stella Keaton | Lambert | 15 |
| Mitchell Ollie | Schlater | 15 |
| Debra Pannell | Ruleville | 15 |
| Patricia Reed | Shelby | 15 |
| Lorene Scott | Boyle | 15 |
| Lena Foster | Marks | 20 |
| | | |

Mississippi State Penitentiary Service Award Recipients (cont.)

| Bernice Jackson | Clarksdale | 20 |
|-----------------|------------|----|
| Juanita Spivey | Greenwood | 20 |
| Joyce Jackson | Tutwiler | 25 |
| Connie Moon | Merigold | 25 |
| Gregory Neeley | Jonestown | 25 |
| Jessie Tiller | Drew | 25 |

South Mississippi Correctional Institution Recognition Award Recipients

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Job Title</u> | Hometown | <u>Award</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Ray Coleman | Drill Instructor | Hattiesburg | Extra Effort Award |
| Frank Canale | Correctional Officer Escort | Moselle | Extra Effort Award |

South Mississippi Correctional Institution Service Award Recipients

| Name | Hometown | Years of Service |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Nancy Bolton | Richton | 5 |
| Virginia Chaudron | State Line | 5 |
| Deloris Green | Leakesville | 5 |
| Marcia Hicks | Lucedale | 5 |
| Andrew Mills | New Augusta | 5 |
| Perry Price | Laurel | 5 |
| Donna Taylor | Leakesville | 5 |
| Gayla Williams | Neely | 5 |
| Ripling Wrinkle | Lucedale | 5 |
| Katy Kittrell | Leakesville | 10 |
| Clifton Patton | Buckatunna | 10 |
| Jerry Walley | Richton | 15 |
| James Pearce | Leakesville | 20 |

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. Additionally the recipients of the Correctional Officer of the Month, the Security Employee of the Month, and the Staff Employee of the Month awards received plaques in token of the agency's appreciation for their outstanding service to corrections in Mississippi.

MEDIA NOTE: If you would like a digital picture of an award recipient, please contact Bill Greenleaf at (601) 359-5646 or by email at bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us