

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Lillian Lilly was born in Wesson, Mississippi, as the seventh child of 13 children—at a young age, Lillian began singing duets in local churches and elementary schools with her twin sister, Carolyn—her mom and aunt were known as “The Two Star Singers” so Lillian and Carolyn took the name “The Two Star Juniors;” and

WHEREAS, in Lillian’s teen-age years, The Two Star Juniors expanded to include friends and became The Traveling Stars, which later broke up as members got married—including Lillian, who married her high school sweetheart, Waldo Lilly Sr.—they have three children and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, while working at a Brookhaven lawn mower factory and raising her children, she continued to sing solos across Mississippi and Louisiana and in 1979, she cut her first and only previous solo record, “I’ve Got A Feeling That Everything’s Gonna Be Alright;” and

WHEREAS, for the next decade, she continued to sing at churches and opened concerts promoted by Leon “Pop” Williams in nearby McComb, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Frank Williams formed Malaco’s Mississippi Mass Choir and Lillian became a principal vocalist on all five wildly successful albums by the Grammy-nominated choir and sang lead on many of its hits; and

WHEREAS, her latest—and largest—achievement is becoming the first solo recording artist to break out from the world’s No. 1 Mississippi Mass Choir with the solo album, “Gotta Have Faith,” on Malaco Records—in addition to touring as a soloist, she remains a principal vocalist for the choir:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim

Lillian Lilly

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **Mississippi Gospel Diva** and commend you for your talents and accomplishments in the music industry.

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, July 14, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR