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## **Governor Musgrove Announces Appointments to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced three members to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The board consists of ten members all appointed by the Governor, and consists of two people from each Congressional District. The Congressional Districts being filled are the First Congressional District, the Third Congressional District and the Fifth Congressional District.

“Mississippi has an extremely strong community and junior college system,” said Governor Musgrove. “These new board members share my vision for making community and junior colleges even better, and they are excited about the emphasis that we are putting on education in Mississippi.”

The First Congressional District appointee is Jimmy Murphy of Booneville who will serve a 6-year term. Murphy has served as Vice President and President of the Mississippi Pest Control Association, served on the Advisory Board of the Department of Economic and Community Development, served on the Board of Trustees of Northeast Mississippi Community College and is the Vice Chairman of Tri-State Commerce Park. Mr. Murphy has been the President and General Manager of Gold Bond Pest Control in Booneville since 1961.

The Third Congressional District appointee is Veldore Heidelberg of Meridian who will serve a 6-year term. Ms. Heidelberg is a graduate of Xavier University, Oxford University and Mississippi College School of Law. She has worked as the Indigent Defense Counsel for the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors and for various law firms. Heidelberg is a member of the American Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. She is currently an Assistant District Attorney for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

The Fifth Congressional District appointee is Lawrence Warren of Hattiesburg who will serve a 6-year term. Mr. Warren is CEO of Warren Paving, Inc, and has served many years on the Board of Directors for the National Asphalt Pavement Association and served as Chairman in 1997. He is currently the Chairman of the Area Development Partnership (Chamber of Commerce) and has served as First Vice-Chairman and

Secretary/Treasurer of that organization. Warren also serves on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army, the Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association and on the Advisory Board for Trustmark National Bank.

“They bring with them varied educational and business backgrounds that will serve the best interests of the community and junior colleges they will oversee as board members,” Governor Musgrove added.

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