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**Governor Musgrove Appoints Oliver E. Diaz, Jr. to Mississippi Supreme Court**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced his appointment of the Honorable Oliver E. Diaz, Jr., of Biloxi, to the Mississippi Supreme Court. Diaz will fill the unexpired term of Justice Michael D. Sullivan who died February 27, 2000. The term to which Diaz is appointed ends January 2001. Upon completion of the term, Diaz will be eligible for election to the seat.

“Justice Diaz will bring experience, honesty and integrity with him into this position,” said Governor Musgrove. “I have great faith in his ability.”

Diaz received the bachelor’s degree from the University of South Alabama and the law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1994 for a term ending in 2003.

Diaz served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from District 116 representing Biloxi and D’Iberville. He also served as city attorney for the City of D’Iberville.

Diaz is married to the former Jennifer Oestreich and is the father of two children.

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