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Governor Appoints Powell as Chairman of Mississippi Employment Security Commission

Jackson, Miss.- Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed George E. Powell as Chairman of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC).

“George Powell will help the Mississippi Employment Security Commission fulfill its vital role of finding Mississippians jobs and paying benefits during temporary periods of unemployment,” said Governor Musgrove. “His experience dealing with people from all spectrums of the workforce will benefit the people of Mississippi.”

Powell outlined his goals for MESC. “I want to work to bring more jobs to Mississippi, not just more jobs in quantity, but also more quality jobs that will increase the quality of life for Mississippians,” said Powell.

Commissioner Powell will chair the three-member Commission of MESC and will represent the northern part of the state. The Commissioners are appointed by the governor to staggered terms and serve as the governing body of the state agency. Other Commissioners are Alfred L. Price of Brandon and Miranda A. Beard of Laurel.

MESC Executive Director Thomas E. Lord welcomed Powell’s appointment, praising his background. “Commissioner Powell brings to MESC a wealth of knowledge and experience that will benefit our employees and the employees of our state,” Lord said.

Powell attended Northwest Mississippi Community College and Mississippi College. He and his wife reside in Byhalia and operate a cattle farm.

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