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## **Governor Appoints Irons to Gulfport State Port Authority**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed Dr. Roy Irons to the Gulfport State Port Authority for a five-year term of office ending December 8, 2005.

“Dr. Irons will work with other Commission members to ensure that the Port Authority serves in the best interest of the people of the City of Gulfport,” said Governor Musgrove. “He has served his community in many capacities, and his knowledge and experiences will be a positive contribution to the Commission.”

Dr. Irons received his B.S. from Tougaloo College and his D.D.S. and DABFD from the University of Iowa. He is currently an Instructor for the Community Dentistry Department at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

He was in private practice from 1980 – 1992, and served as the Center Dentist for the Gulfport Job Corps. Dr. Irons also served as the Forensic Odontologist for Harrison County from 1986 – 1991. He is currently in private practice at the Gulf Coast Dental Center, Inc.

Dr. Irons served in the U. S. Navy and the United States Navy Reserve.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the Mississippi Dental Society, the Mississippi Dental Association and the American College of Forensic Dentistry. Dr. Irons has also served as a Dental Consultant for the Jackson County Citizens for Child Development.

Dr. Irons was placed on the Who’s Who National Registry in 1998. He was honored as a Distinguished Alumni for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, and he was inducted into the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

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