

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby L. Shelby, a native of Flora, Mississippi, is the son of the late Tommy Shelby and the late Lillie Shelby; and

WHEREAS, he married Mrs. Josie Daniel Shelby, a native of Pochontas, Mississippi, on August 4, 1937 and they have thirteen children, twenty-nine grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hinds County Public Schools, Reverend Shelby has earned an Associate of Arts degree from Utica Junior College and, in 1963, he earned his Bachelor of Theology from the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi—in 1982, he received his Master of Theology Degree and in 1984, he completed his Doctorate of Ministry from the Mississippi Baptist Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelby began his service in the ministry at the White Oak Baptist Church in Tougaloo, Mississippi—he also served as an associate pastor of Cade Chapel in Jackson, Mississippi, and pastor of China Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Prentiss, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelby has served as moderator of Hope Springs Hinds and Adjourning Counties Association; Advisor of Rocky Hill Women's Institute; member of Green and Midway Willing Worker's Societies, board member of the Mississippi Baptist Congress of Christian Education; board member of the General Mississippi Baptist State Convention; member of the Jackson Ministerial Alliance; worshipful Master of St. Paul Lodge #343—he has served as Worshipful Master longer than any other individual in the State of Mississippi); he is a 33rd degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, Jackson Consistory, Eastern Star Vista Chapter #23, and Heroines of Jericho; and has authored several religious publications and received numerous awards—Dr. Shelby was elected moderator in 1984 of the General Missionary Baptist Association where he served two four year terms, ending in the 1992 Session, when he was elected Moderator Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, November 24, 2002, China Grove Missionary Baptist Church will honor Dr. Bobby L. Shelby as Pastor Emeritus and dedicate the new education facility of the church in his honor:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 24, 2002, as

DR. BOBBY L. SHELBY DAY

in the State of Mississippi.

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, November 21, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR