WHEREAS, Evelyn Christine Ewing was born on July 5, 1963; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from George County High School in 1981, attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College from 1981-1983, and earned her bachelors degree in elementary education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ewing joined the Pascagoula School District as a kindergarten teacher at College Park Elementary School in Gautier, Mississippi, in 1986 and transferred to Singing River Elementary School in Gautier, Mississippi, as a kindergarten teacher in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in the 2003 school year, she was completing her 16th year as a teacher with the Pascagoula School District and was quoted as saying, "My goal in life is to help children learn...(I) believe all children can learn and enjoy learning if they are given the right kind of education;" and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evelyn Christine Ewing was a kind, humble and giving person and a dedicated, hard working professional who put her students first—she was called home at the young age of 39 and will be remembered in the tears and laughter of those who knew her during a memorial service at First Baptist Church in Lucedale, Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 5, 2003, in honor of the life and educational legacy of

EVELYN CHRISTINE EWING

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, April 4, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR