

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Milton Babbitt grew up in Jackson, Mississippi where he learned to play violin, saxophone and clarinet; and

WHEREAS, Milton Babbitt earned degrees from New York and Princeton Universities and has been awarded honorary degrees from Middlebury College, Swarthmore College, New York University, the New England Conservatory, University of Glasgow, and Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, he has taught at Princeton University and Julliard School, he was named Conant Professor of Music at Princeton where he was on the music and mathematics faculty; and

WHEREAS, Milton Babbitt is one of the most celebrated of 20th century composers, having several of his works premiered at the Music Division in the Library of Congress.

WHEREAS, he played a part in developing one of the first synthesizers, the RCA Mark II synthesizer, due to his thorough knowledge in mathematics and music; and

WHEREAS, Milton Babbitt is founder and member of the Committee of Direction for the Electronic Music Center of Columbia-Princeton Universities and a member of the Editorial Board of Perspectives of New Music; and

WHEREAS, he is the recipient of numerous honors, commissions, and awards, including a MacArthur Fellowship and a Pulitzer Prize Citation for his “life’s work as a distinguished and seminal American composer,” He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 1, 2003 as

MILTON BABBITT 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, October 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**