

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, as the First Lady of Mississippi from 1992 until January 2000, Patricia Owens Fordice was a strong supporter of volunteerism and continues to support many volunteer projects; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fordice serves on the Board of Governors for the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, the Mississippi Special Olympics, and the International Ballet Competition, as well as Honorary Co-Chairman of the Mississippi Chapter of the Women in the Arts, and Honorary Chairman Emeritus of the Mississippi Commission for the International and Cultural Exchange and has worked closely with the Commission in bringing world class exhibitions including the Palaces of St. Petersburg to Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, she has been knighted by the Russian Orthodox Order, the Knights Hospitaller and the St. John of Jerusalem and holds the title “Dame of Grace;” and

WHEREAS, she serves as a spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation and is an advocate in Washington for Medicare coverage of a new Arthritis drug, *Embrel*; and

WHEREAS, when Mrs. Fordice was the First Lady, she parachuted with the U.S. Army Golden Knights earning her the title of “Mississippi’s Flying Lady” and received an invitation from former President George Bush to “lets fly together sometime;” and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fordice has been included in Marquis’ Who’s Who in the World in 2000 and in the Cambridge Press’s 1000 Great Americans in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fordice currently hosts a weekly talk radio show and co-hosts a bimonthly television show, “Women to Women” that explores timely and informative topics on medical, financial, and fitness issues for women of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fordice is the proud mother of a daughter and three sons and a very proud grandmother of 2 grandsons and 10 granddaughters:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 13, 2002, to honor the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi’s 2001 Founders Award recipient

MRS. PAT FORDICE

and commend her for her services across the State of Mississippi and in her community.

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 10, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR