## Governor Ronnie Musgrove Celebrates 100th Days In Office

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Governor Ronnie Musgrove celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> day in office with friends, family, supporters and well-wishers at his 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration at the State Capitol. At 11:30 a.m. today, children, parents, teachers, legislators, business people, along with friends and family members helped Governor Musgrove celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of his administration.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating this day with the people of Mississippi," said the Governor. "What an exciting way to mark 100 days in office. I cannot think of any better gift than to be able to share the day with my family and with so many friends who have made the past 100 days very productive."

During the Governor's comments to the crowd, he outlined some of the initiatives begun during the first 100 days of his administration which include the development of a new economic development strategy, the reconstruction of an action plan and marketing strategy to promote the Children's Health Insurance Program, the establishment of the Task Force for Classroom Technology and the passage of a teacher pay raise bill that would raise Mississippi teachers' salaries to the southeastern average.

The Governor campaigned on raising teacher pay to the Southeastern average and has spent concentrated time during this legislative session working to ensure that a bill raising Mississippi teachers' salaries to the Southeastern average would be passed this legislative session. Passing a teacher pay raise plan was one of the goals Governor Musgrove outlined for his administration during his Inaugural Address and his State of the State Address.

"I have said that raising teacher pay is the most critical issue facing the people of Mississippi," said the Governor. "Leading the effort to raise teacher pay in Mississippi to the Southeastern average, and reaching that goal during the first 100 days of my administration is extremely gratifying."

Celebrants were treated to a piece of the  $100^{th}$  Day Celebration cake and other refreshments. The Murrah Jazz Band entertained the crowd of well-wishers as they celebrated with Governor and Mrs. Musgrove.

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