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## **Governor Musgrove Names Appointments to State Board of Health**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today named five new individuals to the Mississippi State Board of Health. The appointees are Alfred E. McNair, Jr., M.D.; Ruth Greer, RN; Norman Price; William Briggs Hopson, Jr., M.D.; and Mary Kim Smith.

“Each of these appointees brings unique qualities and talents to the State Board of Health, and the people of Mississippi will reap the benefits of those gifts,” Musgrove said. “I appreciate their commitment to public health and their willingness to serve.”

McNair, of Ocean Springs, will represent the at-large position for a six-year term ending June 30, 2008. McNair attended Columbia University Medical School, and completed a residency in internal medicine at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He completed fellowships in gastroenterology at Columbia Presbyterian and Stanford University. He currently serves as chief of staff of the Biloxi Regional Medical Center.

Greer, of Holly Springs, will represent the first congressional district for a six-year term ending June 30, 2008. Greer earned a BS degree in chemistry at Rust College and an associate degree in nursing from the University of Memphis. She received her masters degree in health services administration from the College of St. Francis. She currently works as Director of Nursing with HealthSouth Rehab Hospital.

Price, of Summit, will represent the fourth congressional district for a six-year term ending June 30, 2008. After completing an undergraduate degree in business and public administration at Auburn University, he earned his MBA at Texas A&M with a thesis on emergency medicine services. He has served as chief executive officer of the Southwest Regional Medical Center since 1985.

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Hopson, of Vicksburg, will complete the unexpired term of Walter Thomas Johnson, representing the fourth congressional district until June 30, 2004. A graduate of the University of Mississippi and the University of Tennessee Medical School, Hopson has served as a clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical School since 1989. He works as a general and peripheral vascular surgeon at The Street Clinic and ParkView Regional Medical Center in Vicksburg.

Smith, of Brandon, has been re-appointed for another six-year term ending June 30, 2008, representing the third congressional district. A graduate of the University of Memphis and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Smith serves as executive director of Peach Tree Village in Brandon.

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