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“Computers in the Classroom” Blitz Build Helping Students, Governor Musgrove Says

(Hattiesburg, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the work of Mississippi students in helping to build computers for his “Computers in the Classroom” initiative. Students gathered at the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday morning to construct computers that will be placed in classrooms around the state.

“We’re putting an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom in the state, with the goal of giving our students the tools and skills they’ll need to compete and succeed in the economy of the 21st century – an economy that will be borderless, wireless and global,” Musgrove said.

According to the National Governors Association, Mississippi will meet its goal of being the first state in the nation to place an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom by the end of the year. A policy analyst with the NGA stated that the initiative puts Mississippi “at the head of the wave of technological innovation.”

Musgrove was joined at the Blitz Build by USM President Shelby Thames.

“We know the vital role technology plays in the strength of our institution, and we have made it a priority to have cutting-edge technology integrated into our educational environment,” said Thames. “We commend the Governor’s efforts, because technology is often used as a measuring stick on the progressiveness and viability of education.”

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