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Governor Musgrove Celebrates 50th Anniversary of 172nd Airlift Wing

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove joined the members of the Mississippi Air National Guard’s 172nd Airlift Wing in celebrating the unit’s 50th anniversary at Thompson Field in Jackson.

“The best are always ready to answer their country’s call, and there’s no doubt that you are among America’s best,” Musgrove said. “You’ve proven that for the past 50 years.”

Musgrove thanked the members of the unit for their service in the current operations in the war on terrorism, as well as for their commitment to giving back to the community through mentoring programs.

“It’s the leadership of every one of you here today that makes a difference in our lives,” said Musgrove. “You make the Mississippi National Guard the best in the nation.”

The 172nd will also be the first Air National Guard unit in the country to receive the new Boeing C-17 III Globemaster aircraft. Delivery on the eight aircraft is scheduled for December 2003.

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