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Governor Musgrove Attends Welcome Home Ceremony for Special Forces

(Jackson, MS) – Today, Governor Ronnie Musgrove participated in the welcome home ceremony for the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Unit at Thompson Field Air National Guard Base. The soldiers were part of Operation Enduring Freedom and were stationed in Afghanistan.

“I know for sure when America needs the very best, they make a call to Mississippi,” said Musgrove. “You have answered the call of our country to defend the principles of freedom and justice that we hold dear as Americans.”

The Mississippi National Guard has 2,400 men and women, the fourth highest number in the nation, deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Musgrove also stated, “These soldiers are all our heroes, we are proud of you and thankful to God you all made it back home safely.”

Since Governor Musgrove took office in 2000, the Army Guard strength has increased by over 720 soldiers and the Air Guard is currently at 99% of their authorized strength. The Mississippi National Guard, as an organization, has an economic impact of nearly \$419 million in the State of Mississippi.

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