

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Nellie Wells was born in Escatawpa, Mississippi, to Caesar and Edna Carter on September 12, 1918; and

WHEREAS, she married Quitman Wells on August 25, 1941. They have eight children and have been blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, one of her sons, Clarence R. Wells, serves as the Governor of the Virginia Islands Representative in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, she has taught Sunday School at Summerville Methodist Church in Escatawpa for over 65 years and still sings in the choir and prepares communion at the church; and

WHEREAS, she has participated in the Jackson County Fair since 1934 when her Home Economics teacher assigned students to can and exhibit three fruits and three vegetables at the County Fair. Since that time, she has refined the skills and trades of cooking, gardening and sewing. As a result, she has won numerous prizes at the fair for her pastries, jellies, vegetables, quilts and other products; and

WHEREAS, she started on her most mastered talents, quilt making, at age 15 after learning the technique while threading needles for her great-grandmother. She has earned great distinctions for her art skills as a master quilt maker and was recognized in The Mississippi Press newspaper for art and contribution to the preservation of the quilt making tradition; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eighty-five, Ms. Nellie Wells should be recognized and appreciated for talented skills and a lifetime of service to family, church and community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 12, 2003, in honor of

NELLIE WELLS

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, September 9, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR