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Governor Musgrove Celebrates Capitol Centennial

(Jackson, MS) – One hundred years after it was officially dedicated, Governor Ronnie Musgrove helped celebrate the anniversary of the Mississippi State Capitol. Musgrove spoke at a picnic on the capitol grounds Tuesday afternoon.

“Like the Delta Blues and the literature of Willie Morris and Margaret Walker Alexander, this great building is part of our history,” Musgrove said. “One hundred years after it was completed, Mississippi is a very different state. We have built on the promise and potential of our people and committed ourselves to new standards of excellence in education and jobs for Mississippians.”

The current state capitol is the third one in the state’s history. It was built at a cost of just over \$1 million, and underwent a major renovation from 1979-83.

Musgrove spoke about the visitors from around the country and the world who tour the capitol each year and their reactions to it.

“When visitors come to tour the capitol from other states, many say it’s the most beautiful capitol in the country,” said Musgrove. “It’s been getting that compliment for the past 100 years, and I know the compliments will keep coming for another 100.”

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