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Musgrove Honors Law Enforcement Officers

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove was joined by Commissioner David Huggins, Colonel L.M. Claiborne, and Director Frank Melton to remember and celebrate the dedication and commitment of the officers of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics who have died in the line of duty.

“When we combine good schools and good jobs, the result is good communities-productive, law-abiding communities,” Musgrove said. “The 28 law enforcement officers we remember today sacrificed their lives in an effort to build those communities.”

Twenty-four officers of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and four agents of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics have given their lives in order to protect the innocent, law-abiding people of this state.

“To the officers and agents here today, I don’t know if you know just how much you are appreciated. I appreciate you, and the people of Mississippi appreciate you. You are the one on the dark street, in the dangerous situations, risking your lives to protect ours,” said Musgrove. “You are the ones who keep us safe, you are the ones who help us build good communities.”

The memorial ceremony was held in conjunction with National Peace Officers’ Week as declared by Governor Musgrove on May 5, 2003. National Peace Officers’ Week is May 11-17, 2003, and has been observed throughout Mississippi.

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