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Governor Musgrove Honors Dr. Frances C. Henderson

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed May 12, 2003 as “Dr. Frances C. Henderson Day” in honor of her dedication to excellence in nursing and education. Dr. Henderson is retiring as the Dean of the School of Nursing at Alcorn State University.

“Dr. Henderson leaves a legacy of teaching and mentoring men and women to fill a need for caring and compassionate professionals in the field of nursing,” said Musgrove. “Her expertise and knowledge will be missed at Alcorn State University.”

Henderson received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Dillard University, a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of California San Francisco Medical Center and an Ed.D. in Higher Education from Nova University.

Henderson spent most of her nursing career in the San Francisco Bay area in teaching, counseling, administrative and project director positions and has directed projects funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is the co-author of the book Managing Your Career in Nursing and is also a consultant on several projects including the Jackson Heart Study.

Henderson joined Alcorn State University in 1986 and served as Chairperson of the Department of Baccalaureate Nursing until 1988 when she became the Dean of the School of Nursing and has since been named the Director of the Alcorn State University Family Clinic. On May 9, 2002, Dr. Henderson was appointed to the Governor’s Healthcare Commission.

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