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## **Governor Musgrove Speaks at Housing Summit**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove spoke today at the 2003 Housing Summit at Mississippi Valley State University, saying job creation in the state is changing the economic landscape and helping more Mississippians realize the dream of owning their own home.

“When we help create quality, high-paying jobs for our people, we help them achieve the American dream of home ownership,” said Musgrove. “We are committed to making this happen.”

Musgrove cited the HOME program administered by the Mississippi Development Authority as a means of helping Mississippians. Through the program, assistance is available for home rehabilitation, new construction, home buyer assistance and the construction of decent housing by non-profit organizations.

“In the end, all of our work is focused on building good schools, good jobs and good communities,” Musgrove said.

During the Musgrove administration, more than 2,200 facilities have opened or expanded, creating over 53,000 jobs. Capital investment in the state for those facilities during the same period totals nearly \$15 billion.

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