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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims “IAM4SCHOOLS MONTH”**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed September 2003, as “IAM4SCHOOLS MONTH” to acknowledge the vital role and the impact schools, educators, and parents have on our children, communities, and all of our futures.

“Students are America’s and Mississippi’s most precious resource,” said Musgrove. “The success of our Nation depends heavily on their success today.”

Mississippi has proven to be a leader in education. Governor Ronnie Musgrove proposed putting an Internet accessible computer in every classroom and in February 2003 it became a reality and a first among all 50 states. During his State of the State address Governor Musgrove championed the historic action of funding education first and this challenge was met by the legislature and signed into law on February 5, 2003. Over 80% of Mississippi public schools achieved a rating of Level 3 Successful or higher under the States Accountability system and 50% of Mississippi schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress requirements in reading, language arts, and math under the federal No Child Left Behind Accountability system.

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