

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, while much has changed since 1802, the founding principles of the Military Academy—Duty, Honor, Country—endure. Throughout the 200 year history of the Academy, these principles have served as guidons for the timeless leadership that is the hallmark of West Point; and

WHEREAS, the Academy's reputation is built upon its dedication to the development of leaders of character for our nation. For 200 years, West Point has trained the Corps of Cadets to be intellectually, physically and ethically prepared to serve as commissioned officers of our Army; and

WHEREAS, on this, the 200th birthday of West Point, let us recognize the cadets and graduates of the long Gray Line for their unwavering devotion to our nation, honor their accomplishments in times of war and peace, celebrate their contributions to the nation and the world, and let us be confident in the knowledge that this selfless service will continue:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 16, 2002, as

WEST POINT DAY

in the State of Mississippi in recognition of the Bicentennial of the United States Military Academy at West Point and to honor its graduates and their contributions to the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, February 21, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR