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Governor Musgrove Honors Rafael Palmeiro

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed May 16, 2003, as “Rafael Palmeiro Day” in honor of his extraordinary accomplishments. Palmeiro became the 19th player in Major League Baseball history to hit 500 homeruns on May 11, 2003.

“Rafael Palmeiro has joined an exclusive club in baseball,” said Musgrove. “The State of Mississippi is proud that we had some part in his accomplishment.”

Palmeiro played his college baseball at Mississippi State University where he was a three time All-American and became the first Triple Crown winner in Southeastern Conference history in 1994.

Since his first full major league season in 1988, Palmeiro has become a leader on and off the field. He is one of 11 players in history and the only active player with 450 homeruns, 500 doubles and 2500 career hits. Among active players, he is first in doubles, second in at bats, hits, runs batted in, total bases, extra base hits, and slugging and is third in games, runs and homeruns. Palmeiro has been selected to the All-Star team four times with a career .750 batting average.

Palmeiro is very active in his community with programs such as the “Raffy Readers” program, the Foster Home Recruitment Awareness program and the donation of proceeds from his website, www.raffy25.com to benefit the Lena Pope Home.

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