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Governor Musgrove Participates in “Read Across America” Day

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove took part in activities related to “Read Across America” Day today, reading to elementary school children at Clinton Park Elementary School and Enterprise Elementary. The annual event, sponsored by the National Education Association, celebrates reading and encourages children to improve their learning skills through reading.

“The education of our children is a priority for me, and strong reading skills – along with a simple love of reading – are a cornerstone of education,” Musgrove said. “This is a great opportunity for me and others around the state and nation to read to some of our children, and share with them the excitement that can be found in books.”

This year marks the sixth anniversary of the “Read Across America” celebration. It is held each year on or near the birthday of Theodore Geisel, known better as Dr. Seuss.

Musgrove has consistently worked to improve education in Mississippi. Major initiatives have included raising teacher pay, placing an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom, and improving testing standards. Following a challenge from Musgrove to the Legislature, education funding was passed by the first week of February and at 62 percent of the general fund, as called for in Musgrove’s executive budget recommendation.

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