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Governor Musgrove Names Robinson, Sanders to Gaming Commission

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today named Robin J. Robinson of Laurel and Howard R. Sanders of Hollandale to the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

“Both Robin and Howard bring unique strengths to the Commission, and I appreciate their willingness to serve,” Musgrove said. “Their active involvement in their respective communities, combined with their extensive backgrounds in business and education, gives them a wealth of experience that can only benefit the work of the Commission.”

Robinson is Director of Organization Development and Corporate Communications with Sanderson Farms, Inc., in Laurel. She has been with Sanderson Farms since her graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi. Robinson currently serves as chairman of Leadership Mississippi, and serves on the Board of Directors for the USM Alumni Association International, Jones County Junior College Foundation, the United Way of the Pine Belt, and the Mississippi chapter of the American Lung Association.

She has previously served as chairman of the Board of Directors and national president of Business and Professional Women/USA (1999-2000), and as president of the Mississippi Federation of Business and Professional Women (1989). She is a current member of the Southern Growth Policies Board and the Mississippi Supreme Court Judicial Advisory Study Committee.

Robinson is appointed for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2007.

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Sanders has extensive education and management experience. He received his bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, and masters' degrees from Indiana University and Fisk University. He has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Hollandale School District, including 18 years as district superintendent. Sanders has also served as director of the Summer Feeding Program for the City of Hollandale, as vice chairman of State Department of Education State Accreditation Commission, as chairman of the Hollandale Minority Development Corporation, and vice president of the Delta Council.

Active in the alumni associations for Tougaloo College, Indiana University and Fisk University, Sanders is a member of the Mississippi Association of School Administrators and the American Association of School Administrators, past president of the Delta Algebra Project, and a former president and member of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents.

Sanders' appointment to the Commission is effective immediately, filling the unexpired term of A.J. Pitts. Sanders will serve on the Commission through September 30, 2005.

"I have talked with these appointees, and I am delighted with the qualifications, knowledge and experience they bring to the Mississippi Gaming Commission," said Commission chairman Len Blackwell. "There are a great many issues ahead of us, and these are the type of people we need working on them."

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