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## **Governor Musgrove: It's Never Too Late to Learn**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove spoke to the importance of life-long learning today in remarks to a partnership meeting with GED Testing and Senior Service America. The partnership focuses on helping senior citizens earn their GED and use their skills for jobs and community services.

“Education is and always has been a priority for me, and the importance of education for everyone, regardless of age, can’t be disputed,” Musgrove said. “You can never be too old to learn or use your knowledge, and partnerships like this one help strengthen the contributions of Mississippi’s older citizens to their communities.”

At the meeting Musgrove recognized Mrs. Louise Sinclair of McComb, Mississippi, who at age 83 is one of the oldest GED graduates in the state. She received her GED through the adult education program and testing center at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. She works as a clerical aide with the Mississippi Department of Corrections in McComb.

“Mrs. Sinclair’s simple advice of ‘it’s never too late’ is good advice for us all,” said Musgrove. “Her dedication and commitment to earning her GED stands as a tremendous example of what we can accomplish.”

Musgrove said he would continue fighting to make sure all Mississippians benefit from improvements in education. Under his leadership, teacher pay is on the rise, every public school classroom in the state has an Internet-accessible computer, and the state is one of six in the nation with an approved plan for the federal “No Child Left Behind” legislation. During the 2003 legislative session, the Legislature met Musgrove’s challenge to fund education first, and to fund it at 62 percent of the general fund budget.

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