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## **Governor Musgrove Appoints Taylor to Southern Regional Education Board**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed Dr. Vivian Taylor to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) as a representative from the State of Mississippi. Taylor will serve the unexpired term of Dr. Jeanne Middleton-Hairston, who has resigned from the SREB. Taylor will serve through June 30, 2006.

“Dr. Taylor brings the experience and commitment to education that is so vital to the mission of the Southern Regional Education Board,” Musgrove said. “She is well-known and respected in the education community. As Mississippi continues to emerge as a leader in education, she will offer additional expertise to our efforts.”

Musgrove currently serves as chair of the SREB, which works with leaders from the 16 member states to improve education from pre-kindergarten through the graduate level.

Taylor is a native of Jackson and currently serves as Professor and Director of Teacher Education at Jackson State University, where she has worked for the past 18 years. A product of Jackson Public Schools, Taylor earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Jackson State. She earned her doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in Curriculum and Instruction, with an emphasis in the areas of reading and teacher education.

A frequent conference presenter and published author, Taylor has been recognized as the 2001 Outstanding Educator by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. She has received the 2000 School of Education Outstanding Service Award and the School of Education’s 1999 Teacher of the Year Award for excellence in teaching, research and service.

She and her husband, Dowell, have one son.

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