

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the year 2003 marks the 100th Anniversary of a uniquely American invention, the Wright Brothers' discovery of power flight; and

WHEREAS, the Experimental Aircraft Association is celebrating the Centennial of Flight through it's nationwide "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" program in partnership with the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, as part of that year-long celebration, EAA and the National Park Service have joined forces to conduct a "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" initiative in which one EAA member from each of the 50 United States shall fly their respective State Flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, during 2003 to pay tribute to the Wright Brothers, who were in fact the first "homebuilders"; and

WHEREAS, those 50 flags will become part of a permanent EAA/National Park Service display on the Wright Memorial grounds; and

WHEREAS, John Winfred Smith of Tupelo has been chosen by EAA to fly the Mississippi State Flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 25, 2003, as

"50 FLAGS TO KITTY HAWK DAY"

in the State of Mississippi, and urge all citizens to join me in this national celebration of the innovation and pioneering spirit of the Wright Brothers and a century of powered flight.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, August 18, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR