

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Representative Charlie Capps was born January 1, 1925, in Merigold, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cleveland High School, Representative Capps attended Culver Military Academy, Davidson College in North Carolina at age 17; and

WHEREAS, he left college to join the U.S. Army as a private in 1943, he served as an infantry officer, commander of an Army combat engineer company in the Philippines during World War II, and was discharged as a First Lieutenant in September 1946; and

WHEREAS, following discharge from the Army, Representative Capps earned his B.S. degree from Ole Miss and went into business with his father as a cotton merchant in Bolivar County; and

WHEREAS, he later became a farmer of cotton and rice, was elected Sheriff of Bolivar County from 1964-1968, and then entered the insurance and real estate business in Cleveland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Representative Capps was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1972 and is currently serving his eighth consecutive term as State Representative for House District 28 in Bolivar, Sunflower and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves on the Constitution, Enrolled Bills, and Military Affairs Committees, is a member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and is the current Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative career, Representative Capps has been a strong advocate for education, industrial development, military affairs, and the citizens of his district and state; and

WHEREAS, Representative Charlie Capps is married to the former Allen Hobbs of Greenwood and has three children – Alinda Sledge, Margaret Allen, and Charles III:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim, July 13, 2003, in honor of

CHARLES WILSON CAPPS, JR.

in the State of Mississippi and in honor of his friendship, dedication, and service.

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, July 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE

GOVERNOR