

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Symiria Peters-Barnes is a graduate of Jackson State University and Roosevelt University with degrees in Music Education, M.A. in Administration and Supervision and also attended American Conservatory of Music; and

WHEREAS, she received a plaque for Dedication and Outstanding Service to National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., MU Chapter at The Museum of Science and Industry-February-1990; and

WHEREAS, she is a former professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and performed with Opera South in Jackson, Mississippi, Young Artist Series in Chicago, Debuted for Wigmore Hall in London, England, Centennial Alumni performance Series at Jackson State University and was a First Place winner of the National Voice Contest sponsored by the National Association of Negro Musicians at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Symiria received the Medal of Honor for outstanding contributions to Education and the performing Arts, was inducted into the International Hall of Leaders, Library and Archives United States of America, honored for Distinguished Achievers and their contributions to professional and World communities in 1988, she was listed in Who's Who in the World 1990-1991, Who's Who of American Women, World of Who's Who of American Women in London, England, Personalities of America, Who's Who of the Mid-West, 2000 Notables Americans, 1st edition, Who's Who in Entertainment in 1988-1990, and other publications; and

WHEREAS, Symiria is an active, gifted artist who has used her gift extensively and worldwide, and has been recognized and awarded honors throughout her career. In February 2002 presented in an African American Heritage Celebration sponsored by the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as guest artist in concert; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of Avalon Park Community Church where she serves as co-chair of the music department and church treasurer, is soloist for the Twenty-Third Church of Christ Scientists, affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa for Educators, serving as music Consultant and choral director, and taught in the Chicago Public School System for 35 years as a choral director and music teacher; and

WHEREAS, the E.E. Rogers Seventh Day Adventist Academy presents Mrs. Symiria Peters-Barnes in "A Historical Account of the Negro Spiritual" by J. Jefferson Cleveland in collaboration with William B. McClain on Sunday, September 21, 2003 at the College Park Auditorium on Jackson State University's campus:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 21, 2003, in honor of

MRS. SYMIRIA PETERS-BARNES

in the State of Mississippi.

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, September 15, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**