

Dr. Roderick Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education
Sunday, May 13, 2001
10:15 a.m.

A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove
Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

(Message: They would like for you to make brief remarks about education, then read the proclamation.)

- Good Morning
- Education is the #1 concern of my administration, so I am happy to be here today to honor a man who has spent his entire life dedicated to improving education, Dr. Roderick Paige.
- Education in Mississippi is moving forward.
- We have made many great changes, and we must continue to improve those opportunities.
- Our children deserve that commitment from us.
- Dr. Paige is committed to better educational opportunities for all children.
- With that said, I'd like to read you this proclamation:

WHEREAS, Dr. Roderick Paige has always been committed to public education and the preparation of teachers to excel in their profession and has now been named by President George W. Bush to serve as the Secretary of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paige served as a trustee and Officer of the Board of Education for the Houston

Independent School District from 1989 to 1994, and was named Superintendent in February 1994; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paige was instrumental in the creation of the Peer Examination, Evaluation, and Redesign (PEER) Program, also he launched a system of charter schools that have broad authority decisions regarding staffing, textbooks, and material and saw to it the HISD paid teachers salaries competitive with those offered by other large Texas school districts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paige served for a decade as dean of the College of Education at Texas Southern University and established the university's Center for Excellence in Urban Education, a research facility that concentrates on issues related to instruction and management in urban school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paige has served on the review committees of the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education's Task Force on High School Education, chaired the Youth Employment Issues Subcommittee of the National Commission for Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor, is a member of the Houston Job Training Partnership Council, the Community Advisory Board of Texas Commerce Bank, the American Leadership Forum,

and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is presently on the Board of Directors of the Texas Business and Education Coalition and was name by *Inside Houston* as one of “Houston’s 25 most powerful people” in guiding the city’s growth and prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 13, 2001 as

DR. RODERICK R. PAIGE DAY

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work that Dr. Paige has done for Mississippi’s children and will continue to do for all children of the United States, and work with him to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today’s and tomorrow’s children.

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, May 7, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR