

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Spencer Taylor Sr. was born in Indianola, Mississippi, the last of six children; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, determined to make a name for himself in the gospel music industry, he started singing and performing in churches and local venues; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, his “sweet singing style” was finally captured in his first single “Somewhere To Lay My Head”—this single lead him to an appearance on the Apollo Theatre; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards for his achievements in the music industry including the Stellar Award, the Dove Award, the GMWA Award, the Exclesisa Award, and the Great Achievements Award for the White House; and

WHEREAS, he has more than forty releases to his credit, appearances on the Apollo Theatre, Carnegie Hall, and Madison Square Garden—some of his performances include gospel legends Mahalia Jackson, James Cleveland, Sam Cooke, and Clara Ward; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventy-five, Mr. Taylor is one of the greatest legends in gospel music and is proud to be honored by the Jackson Music Award Association:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 3, 2003, in honor of

MR. SPENCER TAYLOR, SR.

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, August 1, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR