A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 consists of approximately 600 men and women; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 are trained in combat as well as construction work to build and repair runways and roads, build camp facilities for our troops and detainment camps when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 is one of three Mississippi Naval Construction Battalion serving our country in "Operation Iraqi Freedom;" and

WHEREAS, the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 will be the first Mississippi Naval Construction Battalion to return to the Air National Guard site in Gulfport, Mississippi, on May 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is proud of the men and women who serve our country—we commend you for your service and are honored to welcome you home:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 19, 2003, as a day to honor the men and women of

NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 74

and welcome you home to 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, May 16, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR