

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, originally a native of Texas, Dr. Jessie Bryant Mosley manifested her concern for African-American children in numerous ways at Jarvis Christian College where she served as librarian and moved with her family to the State of Mississippi 60 years ago to continue her profound interest in the development of opportunities for African-American children; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, as a social science teacher, Dr. Mosley discovered that African-American children in Jackson, Mississippi, knew virtually nothing about their history or the achievements of African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, in response, Dr. Mosley petitioned and lobbied for the preservation of the Smith Robertson School in the Farish Street district—built in 1894, it was the first school built for African-Americans by the City of Jackson and is now the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mosley’s passion for African-American history motivated her to write and publish *THE NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI*, which chronicles African-American contributions to the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, as a community activist, Dr. Mosley organized and participated in countless endeavors to provide more opportunities and quality services in the African-American community, including key participation in the International Year of the Woman assembly, the organization of the first WIC program in Jackson, the establishment of a quality shoe store, and the organization of the “Wednesday’s in Mississippi” event that facilitated the opportunity for better race communication and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mosley was an active member of the United Christian Church; one of the seven incorporators of the Farish Street Foundation; a member of the LeFleur Chapter and Links, Inc.; an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. sponsored by Gamma Rho Chapter at Jackson State University—Dr. Mosley was also a long time member of The Federation of Colored Women’s Club and an early member of the 100 Black Women; and

WHEREAS, the wife of the late Dr. Charles Clint Mosley, Sr., she was the mother of three children, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren—her commitment to education was not limited to insuring that each of her children received a college education but extended to providing a college education to 22 other children; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2003, Dr. Jessie Bryant Mosley was called home after 99 years of service to her God, her family, and her community:

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

DR. JESSIE BRYANT MOSLEY

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, June 20, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR