

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2003 Rafael Palmeiro hit his 500th homerun to become the 19th player in Major League Baseball history to hit 500 homeruns; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Palmeiro is one of 11 players in history and the only active player with 450 homeruns, 500 doubles and 2500 career hits; and

WHEREAS, among active players, he is first in doubles, second in at bats, hits, runs batted in, total bases, extra base hits, and slugging and is third in games, runs and homeruns; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Palmeiro is one of only ten players to hit 30 or more homeruns in at least eight straight seasons and has been selected to the All-Star team four times with a career .750 batting average; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Palmeiro was a three-time All American at Mississippi State University and became the first triple crown winner in the Southeastern Conference history in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Palmeiro is very active in his community with programs such as the “Raffy Readers” program, the Foster Home Recruitment Awareness program and the donation of proceeds from his website, www.raffy25.com to benefit the Lena Pope Home:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 16, 2003, as

RAFAEL PALMEIRO DAY

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR