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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today regarding the resignation of Senator Trent Lott as majority leader of the United States Senate:

“Senator Lott’s forced resignation is unfortunate for Mississippi, just as his recent remarks were unfortunate for the state. His remarks are not a reflection of the Mississippi of 2002, and we hope they will not have a negative impact on our efforts to build a better quality of life for all Mississippians.

“As governor, I would invite all Americans to visit Mississippi and to realize the true gains we have made by working together to improve education, create jobs and achieve the promise and potential held by all our people.”

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