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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today regarding Senator Lott and Congressman Taylor's position on base closure:

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"I applaud Senator Lott and Congressman Taylor's remarks in yesterday's Sun Herald. The military bases in Mississippi are not only a vital part of our economy, but a vital part of our national defense as well. In the changed world that we live in since September 11, 2001, it would be irresponsible for our military to be weakened through base closure. I fully support the Senator and Congressman in their efforts to make certain our military remains strong. As Governor and Vice Chair of the National Governors Association, I will continue to work with our congressional delegation to ensure that our bases are protected"

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