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**Governor Musgrove Calls for Passage of Legislation to Provide State Employees  
with the Opportunity to Volunteer**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Musgrove was joined by his staff today to assist with construction of a Habitat for Humanity home in Midtown Jackson. The Governor and his staff built stairs, painted walls and cleaned the construction site.

During the morning construction, the Governor took the opportunity to hold a press conference. The Governor urged legislators to pass a bill, which would establish community service leave for state employees to encourage volunteerism.

“By providing community service leave, we encourage our state employees to get involved in volunteer projects or community service,” Governor Musgrove stated. “We are able to reach out to others and make a positive difference in their lives.”

The legislation would encourage volunteerism in support of Mississippi’s schools, communities, citizens and nonprofit organizations. Whether volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, United Way, the Red Cross or one of the countless other organizations that help people, volunteering is important.

“We need this bill, to encourage volunteerism because one person can make a difference,” said Governor Musgrove.

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