

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, John Barthell Joseph, Jr. was born in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army from 1945 through 1947 as a Paratrooper, 82nd Airborne Division and was discharged as a Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph graduated from George Peabody College in Nashville in 1951 with a Bachelor of Art Degree; and in 1954, he married the former Betty Thomas of Greenville, Mississippi, and they have three children: Mary Thomas Joseph of New York City, Cordelia Garrett Joseph Capps of Cleveland, and J. Barthell Joseph, III of Greenville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph's business interests have varied throughout the years but currently include: South Central Aviation, Inc.—a fixed base operator and Piper Aircraft dealer, Reed-Joseph Continental Co.—a real estate developer and homebuilding company; and farm operations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph has served numerous appointments and boards including: Past President, Board of Trustees, Greenville Public Schools where he served 16 years, Secretary and Co-Founder Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee, and member of the Delta Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Barthell Joseph, Jr. is being honored at the Fourth Annual Delta Business Journal Profiles in Leadership Awards for his contributions and leadership in the Mississippi Delta:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 3, 2003, in honor of

JOHN BARTHELL JOSEPH, JR.

and his contributions to 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 3, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**