

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Roy J. Casto graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1970, holds a degree in Engineering from the University of Illinois and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Roy J. Casto is currently serving as Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District and Commander of Maritime Defense Command Eight, headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as District Commander, he is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations of 114 Coast Guard commands and more than 8000 active duty, civilian and reserve personnel covering 26 states, over 15,490 miles of coastline from Florida to Mexico and 10,300 miles of inland waterways including the entire navigable lengths of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River Systems—this includes responsibility for the security of 12 of the largest 14 ports in the nation and protection of military outloads in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to the U.S. Coastguard have brought him the respect and admiration of his peers and numerous decorations, including: Three Legions of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and Four Coast Guard Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Casto will be retiring from the U.S. Coastguard after 37 years of tireless dedication to his nation and the State of Mississippi thanks him for his leadership at various ports including Gulfport, Vicksburg and Greenville:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 2, 2003, as

REAR ADMIRAL ROY J. CASTO 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, April 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR