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Mississippi Military Communities Council to Offer Insight Regarding Potential Base Closures

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced the establishment, by executive order, of the Mississippi Military Communities Council. The primary role of the Council will be to “advise executive and legislative officials” in Mississippi on the continued work of the U. S. Department of Defense to restructure, realign or close military bases.

“For over ten years, communities in Mississippi have been threatened by potential base closures and realignments,” said Musgrove. “The Department of Defense and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission are recommending more cuts which could adversely affect Mississippi.”

The Commission has recommended more base closures in 2003, along with the Department of Defense. Another Defense initiative known as “Vision 21” also threatens two military installations based in Mississippi.

“The members of this council will bring a wealth of experience to the table,” Musgrove stated. “Their input on the issues threatening Mississippi’s military bases will be invaluable.”

The Council is scheduled to meet on a quarterly basis.