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## **Governor Musgrove Honors Houston Solar Car Race Team**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove declared today as the “Houston Solar Car Day” in honor of the many accomplishments of the Houston Solar Car Race Team from Houston, Mississippi.

“Our investment in education is seen when our students compete with anyone, anytime, anywhere,” Musgrove said. “The students involved in this race represent the very best we have to offer, not just in Mississippi, but around the country.”

The “Sundancer” solar car is designed and constructed by students from the Houston Vocational Center with assistance from Mississippi State University. The Houston Solar Race Team competed in the 2001 Winston Solar Challenge and won the race to qualify for the World Solar Challenge in Australia. Due to the terrorist attacks and military operations in Afghanistan in 2001, the team delayed their trip to Australia and will compete this October in the World Solar Challenge.

The Winston Solar Challenge was established ten years ago as part of the Winston School in Dallas, Texas. The Challenge teaches high school students around the world how to build roadworthy solar cars. On even-numbered years, students compete at the Texas Motor Speedway and on odd-numbered years, the teams drive cross-country.

The 2003 Dell-Winston Solar Challenge is a 1500-mile nine-day race from the Dell World Headquarters in Round Rock, Texas on July 15, to the Florida Solar Energy Center in Cocoa, Florida (Central Florida State University) on July 23.

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