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Governor Musgrove: Melton is Right Man to Lead Bureau of Narcotics

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today praised Frank Melton as a man committed to making a difference in Mississippi’s war against drugs. Melton was officially sworn in today as Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

“With Frank Melton, what you see is what you get – and I believe that sends a strong message to those who would traffic in illegal drugs in our state, to those who would profit from pain and suffering,” Musgrove said. “We have seen too many of our people – young and old, black and white, rich and poor – suffer the devastating effects of drugs. It’s time for that to change.”

Musgrove praised the agents and staff of the Bureau of Narcotics for their efforts, saying they were fighting bravely in a war against overwhelming odds, and being pushed back through no fault of their own. Musgrove said the Bureau was in need of leadership, and Melton was the right man at the right time.

“When you combine his belief in the goodness of our young people and his hope for their future with his frustration and anger toward the dealers intent on scarring that goodness and eliminating that hope, you have a force to be reckoned with,” he said.

Musgrove appointed Melton on December 4, 2002. He was confirmed by the Mississippi Senate on February 28, 2003.

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