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## **Governor Musgrove Announces “Power of One” Organization Awards**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the work of individuals today at the Mississippi Women’s “Power of One” conference held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson. Nine women from across the state were honored.

“Our state is blessed with an abundance of dedicated individuals who contribute so much to their communities,” Musgrove said. “Each of the women being honored here today have shown their commitment and dedication in helping our state and our nation. It’s time for us to show our appreciation for what they mean to Mississippi.”

The honorees included:

Patrice J. Boone of Clinton  
Dr. Louie Kemp Finch of Philadelphia  
Deborah Jones Gambrell-Chambers of Hattiesburg  
Patricia Spearman Hopson of Vicksburg  
Shirley Norwood Jones of Jackson  
Naomi S. Kilgore of West Point  
Jeanette Thrash of Decatur  
Dean Watkins of Louisville  
Lucille Wood of Decatur

Note: Photos available upon request.

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