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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “The Year of the Blues”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove proclaimed 2003 as “The Year of the Blues” with the signing of a proclamation today. The U.S. Congress has also passed legislation to officially proclaim 2003 as “The Year of the Blues.”

“Mississippi has produced some of the finest musicians in the world,” stated Musgrove. “From Greenville to Clarksdale, from Indianola to Tutwiler, from our great blues museums and blues venues, to communities across our state, we have shown to the world our rich musical talent, and they have opened their ears to listen.”

Mississippi is the birthplace of the blues but one can travel across the globe and find the blues performed, studied and emulated.

Throughout the year, several activities are planned in the state to celebrate the Blues. For more information visit, the Mississippi Development Authority, Division of Tourism’s website at www.visitmississippi.org.

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