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## **Governor Musgrove Speaks to Mississippi Bankers**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove spoke today to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Mississippi Bankers Association, saying the state’s record of job creation during a national recession is not only changing the economic landscape of Mississippi, but changing the economic landscape of its people as well.

“Despite the impact of the national recession, Mississippi has been able to aggressively recruit new industries and retain existing industries,” Musgrove said. “That makes a positive difference in the lives of the people of our state, and that work is constantly being done.”

Musgrove also cited the state’s successes in education as a key reason other states are looking at Mississippi as a leader. He noted the increase in teacher pay, accountability standards stronger than those required by the federal government and the achievement of the state as the first in the nation with an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom as evidence, saying businesses look closely at states that establish education as a priority.

“I’m not going to wait for the right opportunities to come along for the people of Mississippi,” Musgrove said. “I’m working to create those opportunities everyday.”

Under Musgrove’s leadership, over 53,000 jobs have been created at more than 2,200 new and expanded facilities. Total capital investment in the state is nearly \$15 billion.

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