

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Edward Cockrell, Jr. was born September 9, 1956 in Meridian, Mississippi to the late Samuel E. Cockrell, Sr. and Annie Franklin Cockrell; and

**WHEREAS**, “Sam” Cockrell was also known as “PeeWee” by those close to him, and he was known for bringing a ray of love into this world; and

**WHEREAS**, he confessed his hope in Christ at an early age and united with the St. John Baptist Church. He later united with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church where he served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Laymen President, Vacation Bible School Teacher and Deacon by sharing the Gospel with many people; and

**WHEREAS**, he received his early education in the Meridian Public School System and he is a 1974 graduate of Meridian High School and he continued his education and earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from Mississippi Valley State University; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980 he began work for Lockheed-Martin and answered a calling to serve his country, by joining the United States Air Force Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel E. Cockrell, Jr. preceded his father in death on July 8, 2003; survived by his wife Beverly Burns and two children:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 8, 2003, in honor of

**SAMUEL E. COCKRELL, JR.**

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, September 29, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR