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HINDS COUNTY DISTRICT ONE SUPPORTS THE UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

Supervisor Robert Graham wants everyone to participate in the 2010 Census

Jackson, MS, January 28, 2009 – The United States Census officially opened its local doors on today. The office is located at 6425 Lakeover Road and will operate normal business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. At the grand opening, Mr. Donald Watson expressed the importance of the Census.

It is a federal mandate that an official Census be taken every ten years. Supervisor Robert Graham stated that next to the greatest privilege of being able to vote our second greatest privilege is to be counted as a United States citizen. Not only is it a privilege, but an absolute necessity that everyone be counted. It's estimated that there is some \$300 billion at stake. Mississippi's opportunity to receive federal monies, especially with the impending economic stimulus package, is at hand. The Census will determine how much funding is funneled down to Mississippi to assist with education, libraries and transportation. The Census also determines how much federal government representation our state is allowed. Therefore, it is vital that every Mississippian be counted.

In addition to the aforementioned benefits, this Census will bring some 500 jobs to the Metro area. The positions include temp, part-time and full-time hours. Anyone interested in applying can contact the Census Bureau at 1-866-861-2010 or go online at <http://www.census.gov/hrd/www/>.

Graham also wants to make sure that everyone is aware that the Census is simply a head count. The government is not trying to deceive anyone, nor is anyone attempting to uncover the constituents' personal affairs. Supervisor Graham's office will notify District One constituents when the Census is in the District One area and will be on hand to assist with filling out the forms.

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