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Who: Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson

What: Mural Unveiling for Mike Mathis

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Coliseum at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds

**Dixie National Rodeo to Celebrate the Life of Longtime Rodeo Announcer Mike Mathis with
Mural Unveiling Ceremony at the State Fairgrounds**

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – The media is invited to attend as the Dixie National Rodeo and Mississippi State Fairgrounds host a mural unveiling for the late Mike Mathis, longtime professional rodeo announcer, tomorrow, Saturday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m. inside the Coliseum on the north side.

The extensive mural featuring Mike Mathis and Lecile Harris, professional rodeo clown and longtime performer at the Dixie National Rodeo, will be unveiled to the public on the second day of rodeo competitions for the 2024 Dixie National Rodeo. Commissioner Gipson will be joined by Jacob Moorehead with the Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company and members of the Lecile Harris family.

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Media Note: Commissioner Andy Gipson will be available for interviews following the press conference.