WHEREAS, Curtis W. Rankins boasts a long and proud history of dedicated service to our nation, serving 22 years in the United States Armed Forces before his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Curtis W. Rankins came to South Carolina following his retirement from the military to serve as Industrial Hygiene and Safety Manager for Michelin Tire and in 1990 went to work for what is now Clean Harbors Environmental Services, holding positions as Corporate Compliance Manager, Director of Health and Safety, and, most recently, Vice President of Health and Safety; and

WHEREAS, Curtis W. Rankins holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health from Hiram College and is a member of several professional associations, including the American Hygiene Association, the American Safety Society, the South Carolina Occupational Council, and the Southern Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Curtis W. Rankins is a proven leader with over 30 years experience in the health and safety field whose knowledge and expertise will set a benchmark for others to follow for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2003, as CURTIS W. RANKINS DAY throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in recognizing Curtis W. Rankins on the occasion of his retirement from Clean Harbors Environmental Services.