

By: Representatives Middleton, Bozeman

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AND PROTECTING  
3 THE HISTORIC SHAIFER HOUSE ON THE PORT GIBSON BATTLEFIELD, AND TO  
4 SUBSTANTIALLY REHABILITATE AND RESTORE THE HISTORIC SHAIFER HOUSE,  
5 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1999 AND 2000.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums previously  
8 appropriated, the following sum or so much of it as may be  
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
10 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and  
11 History for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and  
12 ending June 30, 2000..... \$900,000.00.

13 SECTION 2. This additional appropriation is made for the  
14 purpose of providing funds to implement emergency measures to  
15 secure and protect the historic Shaifer House on the Port Gibson  
16 Battlefield. In addition, these funds will be used to  
17 substantially rehabilitate and restore the Shaifer House. The  
18 preservation and interpretation of the Shaifer House on the Port  
19 Gibson Battlefield will represent the state's first step in the  
20 development of the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, which has been  
21 identified by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one  
22 of America's Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places. The  
23 preservation and development of the state's Civil War battlefields  
24 will help promote heritage tourism in Mississippi and thereby  
25 contribute to the state's economic development.

26 SECTION 3. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
27 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund

28 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
29 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
30 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
31 officers in the manner provided by law.

32 SECTION 4. The Department of Archives and History, in its  
33 discretion, may transfer all or part of the funds appropriated by  
34 this act to the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau  
35 of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the  
36 completion of this project.

37 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after its passage.