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To: Public Buildings,
Grounds and Lands;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1332

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES
2 AND HISTORY TO ACCEPT BY DONATION THE COKER HOUSE AND ACCOMPANYING
3 LAND LOCATED ON THE CHAMPION HILL BATTLEFIELD; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 Section 1. The Mississippi Department of Archives and
7 History, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, is authorized to
8 accept the donation of all right, title, and interest in certain
9 real property located in Hinds County, Mississippi, from Jackson
10 Civil War Round Table, Inc., a nonprofit Mississippi corporation,
11 the property being known as the historic Coker House and
12 accompanying land located on the Champion Hill Battlefield, and
13 being more particularly described as follows:

14 A certain tract of land situated in the Northwest
15 Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township
16 5 North, Range 4 West, Hinds County, Mississippi,
17 containing 5.00 acres and being more particularly
18 described as follows: Commencing at a 3/4" galvanized
19 pipe, marking the Southeast corner of Section 1,
20 Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Hinds County,
21 Mississippi; run thence North 53° 15' West for 2717.47
22 feet to a point in a fence, said point hereinafter
23 referred to as the point of beginning: Thence North 79°
24 31' West along said fence for 67.16 feet; Thence North
25 71° 13' West along said fence for 259.57 feet; Thence
26 North 78° 39' West along said fence for 30.04 feet;

27 Thence 47° 52" West for 27.94 feet to the East line of a
28 paved road; Thence North 42° 08' East along the East
29 line of said road for 618.46 feet to the South line of
30 Mississippi State Highway 467; Thence South 70° 44' East
31 along the South line of said highway for 379.06 feet;
32 Thence South 42° 09' West for 612.27 feet to the point
33 of beginning; together with historic dwelling situated
34 thereon, known as "The Coker House."

35 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join in
36 this conveyance for all purposes.

37 SECTION 2. The Mississippi Department of Archives and
38 History is authorized to secure, preserve, restore, develop,
39 interpret, operate, and maintain the historic Coker House and
40 accompanying land on the Champion Hill Battlefield as an official
41 state historic site.

42 SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi
43 Department of Archives and History is authorized to enter into
44 cooperative agreements with the National Park Service, state and
45 local government entities, nonprofit organizations, and any other
46 groups, organizations or individuals that may be interested in the
47 preservation and development of the Coker House and accompanying
48 land and the Champion Hill Battlefield.

49 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after its passage.