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To: Veterans and Military  
Affairs;  
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 3024

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MONUMENT  
2 COMMISSION TO PLAN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OF A  
3 MONUMENT RECOGNIZING MISSISSIPPI RECIPIENTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL  
4 MEDAL OF HONOR; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO SOLICIT PRIVATE  
5 MONETARY DONATIONS FOR DEPOSIT INTO A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR  
6 MONUMENT TRUST FUND WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY;  
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. [JMR1](1) In addition to the duties assigned to  
10 the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission in Sections 55-15-55,  
11 55-15-57 and 55-15-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, the commission is  
12 hereby authorized, subject to any available funds, to plan and  
13 provide for the design, construction and dedication of a monument  
14 recognizing Mississippi recipients of the Congressional Medal of  
15 Honor. In planning the design, construction and dedication of the  
16 monument, the commission shall consult with and be advised by the  
17 State Veterans Affairs Board. The commission may solicit private  
18 monetary donations for deposit into a Congressional Medal of Honor  
19 Monument Trust Fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury.

20 Private donations to the trust fund may be accepted. The  
21 commission is also authorized to accept for deposit into the trust  
22 fund grants or donations made to it from any other source. All  
23 funds deposited in the trust fund shall be used exclusively for  
24 the purpose of designing, constructing and maintaining the  
25 monument.

26 (2) The board of supervisors of any county and the governing  
27 authorities of any municipality are hereby authorized and  
28 empowered, in their discretion, to make contributions out of any

29 available county or municipal funds, as appropriate, to the  
30 Congressional Medal of Honor Monument Trust Fund.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after July 1, 2000.