AN ACT TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI MEMORIAL PROTECTION ACT; TO
PROHIBIT THE ALTERATION OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND
MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. None of the following items, structures or areas
may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or
rededicated: Any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War
Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War
II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native-American or
African-American historical statue, monument, memorial or
nameplate, which has been erected on public property of the state
or any of its political subdivisions; and any statue, monument,
memorial, nameplate, street, bridge, building, park, preserve,
reserve or other public item, structure or area of the state or
any of its political subdivisions, which has been dedicated in
memory of or named for any historical figure or historical event.

No person may prevent the public body responsible for
maintaining any of the items, structures or areas described above
from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the
protection, preservation and care of those items, structures or
areas.

The provisions of this act may be amended or repealed only
upon passage of an act that has received a two-thirds (2/3) vote
on final passage in each house of the Legislature.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2003.