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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2475  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THAT BRIDGE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 45 WHICH  
2 SPANS MISSISSIPPI 19 IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AS MILITARY ORDER  
3 OF THE PURPLE HEART, DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI, MEMORIAL BRIDGE;  
4 TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
5 CONSTRUCT TO DEPARTMENT DESIGN STANDARDS A CERTAIN HIGHWAY SEGMENT  
6 IN MARION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) That the bridge on U.S. Highway 45 which  
9 spans Mississippi 19 in Meridian, Mississippi, shall be known and  
10 shall be designated as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart,  
11 Department of Mississippi, Memorial Bridge."

12 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect  
13 and maintain appropriate signs approaching each end of the bridge  
14 described in subsection (1) of this section reflecting its name,  
15 and shall allow officers or official representatives of the  
16 Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Mississippi, to  
17 affix a memorial plaque at some suitable location on the bridge.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
19 shall, if funds are available, construct to department design  
20 standards and may acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain  
21 proceedings such property as may be necessary to perform  
22 construction of the following described segment of highway:

23 **Southern District-Marion County:**

24 An extension of Mississippi Highway 48 beginning at or near  
25 Sandy Hook and extending in an easterly direction across the Pearl  
26 River to an intersection with Mississippi Highway 43 at or near  
27 the Spring Cottage Community.

28 (2) The mileage of highway specifically designated in  
29 subsection (1) of this section shall be under the jurisdiction of



30 the Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and  
31 maintenance and, together with the highways designated in Section  
32 65-3-3, and all other laws adding links to the state designated  
33 highway system, are declared to be the state highway system of  
34 Mississippi.

35         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2003.

