

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

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

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

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

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

22 The provisions of this act may be amended or repealed only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

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2004.