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To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1309  
 (As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPLAY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND  
 2 OUR NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS; AND FOR  
 3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The governing authorities of every political  
 6 subdivision in the state are authorized, in their discretion, to  
 7 display the Ten Commandments and our national motto of "IN GOD WE  
 8 TRUST" and the Beatitudes as stated in the Gospel of Matthew on an  
 9 appropriately framed background in any public building.

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