

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2509

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
2 TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A PERMANENT MEMORIAL FOR  
3 THOSE WHO DIED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; TO CREATE A MOTOR  
4 VEHICLE ACCIDENT VICTIMS TRUST FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI  
5 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SOLICIT PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR SUCH  
6 FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
9 is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be constructed and  
10 maintained an appropriate memorial in recognition of those who  
11 have died in motor vehicle accidents when adequate funds for the  
12 construction thereof are deposited in Motor Vehicle Accident  
13 Victims Monument Trust Fund herein created.

14 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall:

15 (a) Plan and provide for the design, construction and  
16 dedication of the motor vehicle accident victims monument. The  
17 actual design and site of the monument shall be selected with the  
18 approval of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

19 (b) Solicit private monetary donations for deposit into  
20 the Motor Vehicle Accident Victims Monument Trust Fund.

21 (c) Report to the Legislature by November 15 of each  
22 year on the progress of such monument. In addition to the report  
23 required in the preceding sentence, the department shall submit an  
24 annual report on its activities no later than November of each  
25 year to the Transportation Committees of both the Mississippi  
26 House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

27 (3) The Mississippi Department of Transportation is hereby  
28 authorized to accept gifts, grants and donations from individuals  
29 and organizations, to be deposited in the Motor Vehicle Accident

30 Victims Monument Trust Fund which is hereby created in the State  
31 Treasury. The State Treasurer shall invest all monies in the  
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33 created in the State Treasury. The State Treasurer shall invest  
34 all monies in the Motor Vehicle Accident Victims Monument Trust  
35 Fund and any interest earned shall be deposited into the fund.  
36 All appropriated funds and funds deposited in the Motor Vehicle  
37 Accident Victims Monument Trust Fund shall be used exclusively for  
38 the purpose of designing, erecting, maintaining and dedication of  
39 the monument. Any monies remaining unexpended or unencumbered in  
40 the fund upon completion of the monument shall be used for  
41 maintenance of the monument.

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