

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 287

BY: Representatives Staples, Robinson (84th)

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following language after line 193 and
2 renumbering the succeeding sections:

3 **"SECTION 9.** Section 33-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 33-3-17. (1) The Governor is hereby authorized and
6 empowered to decorate members and former members of the
7 Mississippi National Guard and members and former members of the
8 national guard of the several states and members and former
9 members of the armed forces of the United States, who he may deem
10 worthy of such decoration, with such awards, medals or decorations
11 as he may prescribe by rules and regulations promulgated by him,
12 and the Governor is hereby authorized to promulgate suitable and
13 reasonable rules and regulations for such purposes.

14 (2) The Governor shall award posthumously the
15 Mississippi Medal of Valor to those members of the Mississippi
16 National Guard who gave their lives while in active service of the
17 United States as defined in Section 33-1-1(1).

18 (3) The Governor may award retroactively the
19 Mississippi Medal of Valor to a member or former member of the
20 armed forces of the United States if such member has been awarded
21 the Medal of Honor or the Purple Heart.

22 (4) The design of the Mississippi Medal of Valor is as
23 follows: A gold medal with the Great Seal of the State of
24 Mississippi superimposed on a cross combined with crossed sabers
25 with the words "MEDAL FOR VALOR" inscribed around the seal. The
26 medal is suspended from a ribbon of navy blue background, with two
27 wide, vertical white bands. The recipient's name and rank are
28 engraved in the reverse side of the medal. The ribbon carries the
29 same colors as described for the medal."

30 **AMEND further** title to conform.