

By: Representatives Eaton, Rotenberry

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks; Forestry

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1404

1 AN ACT TO RENAME THE ROSS BARNETT LAKE IN MIZE, MISSISSIPPI,  
2 THE PRENTISS WALKER LAKE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF THE CONTROL AND  
3 MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES  
4 AND PARKS TO THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT, ANOTHER STATE  
5 AGENCY, A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
6 THAT AGREES TO ACCEPT THE LAKE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The Ross Barnett Lake located in Mize,  
9 Mississippi, in Smith County, is renamed the Prentiss Walker Lake.  
10 The control and management of the lake may be transferred from the  
11 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to the Pat Harrison  
12 Waterway District, another state agency, a county, a municipality  
13 or other political subdivision that agrees to accept the lake.  
14 Any reference in state law to the Ross Barnett Lake shall be  
15 deemed to mean the Prentiss Walker Lake. The Board of Directors  
16 of the Pat Harrison Waterway District, or the governing  
17 authorities of the agency or political subdivision accepting the  
18 lake, shall place a distinctive plaque in a prominent place near  
19 the Prentiss Walker Lake, which states the background,  
20 accomplishments and service to the state of the Honorable Prentiss  
21 Walker.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2005.