

By: Representatives Hines, To: Ways and Means
 Bailey, Banks, Blackmon,
 Broomfield, Buck, Clark, Clarke,
 Coleman (29th), Dickson, Ellis,
 Evans, Fleming, Gibbs, Harrison,
 Holloway, Huddleston, Middleton, Myers, Perkins, Robinson (63rd),
 Scott, Straughter, Thomas, Burnett, Calhoun, Espy

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY AGENT ENGAGED IN OR IN CHARGE OF THE
 2 CONSTRUCTION OF ANY STATE OR PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK FOR
 3 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI USING FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR HURRICANE
 4 KATRINA RECONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR RENOVATION, IN ITS
 5 DISCRETION, TO SET ASIDE NOT MORE THAN 40% OF SUCH FUNDS FOR
 6 CERTAIN BUSINESSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Every officer, contractor, superintendent, or
 9 agent engaged in or in charge of the construction of any state or
 10 public building or public work for the State of Mississippi using
 11 funds authorized and made available for reconstruction,
 12 construction, repair or renovation of properties affected by
 13 Hurricane Katrina is authorized, in its discretion, to set aside
 14 not more than forty percent (40%) of such funds for expenditure
 15 with small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
 16 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
 17 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
 18 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
 19 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
 20 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
 21 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
 22 purposes of this section.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 24 and after its passage.