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To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2432
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 3-3-15.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DIRECT THE BUREAU OF CAPITOL FACILITIES TO DISPLAY THE POW/MIA
3 FLAG AT THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING ON CERTAIN DAYS RELATING TO THE
4 RECOGNITION OF VETERANS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as

7 Section 3-3-15.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 3-3-15.1. (1) The Legislature enacts this section as the
9 symbol of the nation's and the state's commitment to achieving the
10 fullest possible accounting for Mississippians who have been or in
11 the future may become prisoners of war, missing in action or
12 otherwise unaccounted for as a result of hostile action.

13 (2) As used in this section, the term "POW/MIA Flag" means
14 the National League of Families POW/MIA Flag recognized officially
15 and designated by Section 2 of Public Law 101-355 (36 USCS Section
16 189).

17 (3) The Bureau of Capitol Facilities shall display the
18 POW/MIA Flag in a prominent place at the New Capitol Building on
19 the following days:

- 20 (a) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
- 21 (b) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 22 (c) Flag Day, June 14;
- 23 (d) Independence Day, July 4;
- 24 (e) National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and
- 25 (f) Veterans Day, November 11.

26 (4) Such display shall serve as the symbol of the nation's
27 and the state's concern and commitment to achieving the fullest
28 possible accounting of Americans and Mississippians who, having

29 been prisoners of war or missing in action, still remain
30 unaccounted for.

31 (5) This section shall not be construed or applied so as to
32 either require or prohibit the display of the POW/MIA Flag by any
33 county, municipality or public school district in Mississippi.

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