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To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2069

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AUGUST 29 OF EACH YEAR AS "KATRINA DAY OF
2 REMEMBRANCE" IN MISSISSIPPI IN HONOR OF THE VICTIMS OF THIS MOST
3 DESTRUCTIVE STORM AND AS A STATEWIDE EXPRESSION OF FAITH AND HOPE;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, on Monday, August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina,
6 originally designated a Category Four Hurricane, crashed with
7 unrelenting and violent force onto the entire Mississippi Gulf
8 Coast, making landfall at or around Waveland, Mississippi. In one
9 day, the worst natural disaster in our state's history struck us a
10 grievous blow, leaving a 90-mile swath of destruction along the
11 Mississippi Gulf Coast and causing severe damage throughout
12 Central and North Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi hereby
14 recognizes that the events of August 29, 2005, and the days
15 following, when Hurricane Katrina struck Mississippi a deadly blow
16 and so many in Mississippi lost their lives, are among the most
17 historic in the entire history of Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that it is
19 appropriate for the State of Mississippi to commemorate this
20 tragic event and to memorialize the hundreds of citizens who lost
21 their lives; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

23 **SECTION 1.** August 29 of each year is designated as "Katrina
24 Day of Remembrance" in Mississippi in honor of the victims of this
25 most destructive storm, to bring awareness of the destruction
26 caused by hurricanes, and to call upon the citizens of Mississippi
27 to join each other and the entire community that is linked by the
28 Gulf of Mexico in a unified expression of faith and hope.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2007.