

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2437

1 AN ACT TO NAME THE NEW MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
2 SECURITY BUILDING FOR THE LATE CLYDE KENNARD, THE FIRST
3 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT TO APPLY FOR ADMITTANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY
4 OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The new office building for the Mississippi
7 Department of Employment Security, Office of the Governor, located
8 on Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, shall be named and
9 known as the Clyde Kennard Building. The Department of Finance
10 and Administration shall prepare, or have prepared, a distinctive
11 plaque to be placed in a prominent place within the Clyde Kennard
12 Building, which states the background and service of the late
13 Clyde Kennard. Clyde Kennard was an African-American decorated
14 war Veteran and farmer who repeatedly tried to become the first
15 black student to enroll at the University of Southern Mississippi
16 (USM), and is remembered for his significant role in the history
17 of the civil rights movement in Mississippi.

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