

By: Representatives Currie, Miles

To: Transportation;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1279
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 51 IN LINCOLN
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN MEMORY OF FALLEN BROOKHAVEN POLICE
3 OFFICERS CORPORAL WALTER ZACHERY "ZACH" MOAK AND OFFICER JAMES
4 KEVIN WHITE; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 589 IN
5 LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN MEMORY OF FALLEN HATTIESBURG POLICE
6 OFFICER BENJAMIN J. DEEN; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY
7 50 IN LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SENATOR WILLIAM 'BILL'
8 CANON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 11
9 IN JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "COACH ELMER HIGGINBOTHAM
10 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 45 IN
11 ALCORN COUNTY AND PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SPEAKER
12 WILLIAM J. 'BILLY' MCCOY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT
13 OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 35 IN JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,
14 AS THE "H.D. BROOME MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF
15 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 371 IN ITAWAMBA COUNTY AS THE "JEFF BOREN
16 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY
17 16 IN LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "BLAKE BURGESS MEMORIAL
18 HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 42 IN
19 GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "PINEY WOODS CREEK MEMORIAL
20 HIGHWAY IN RECOGNITION EOW APRIL 1, 1921, DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL JAKE
21 GREEN AND GREENE COUNTY DEPUTY LAWRENCE DUNNAM"; TO AUTHORIZE A
22 SIGN OR SIGNS TO BE ERECTED ON MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 25 IN RANKIN
23 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO HONOR OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST TORI BOWIE; TO
24 CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 65, CHAPTER 3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
25 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
26 ERECT SIGNS ON INTERSTATE 55 AND MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 568 DIRECTING
27 MOTORISTS TO THE LYNYRD SKYNYRD MONUMENT IN PIKE COUNTY,
28 MISSISSIPPI; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 13 IN
29 SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SHEENA MILES, R.N., MEDICAL
30 MEMORIAL BYPASS"; TO REQUIRE THE ERECTION OF SIGNS FOR MAGNOLIA
31 HEIGHTS SCHOOL AT EXIT 263 IN TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO
32 DESIGNATE A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 11 IN JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS
33 THE "TYRONE STEWART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF
34 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 302, ALSO KNOWN AS GOODMAN ROAD, IN HORN LAKE,



35 MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SAM DYE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A
36 PORTION OF OLD HIGHWAY 15/SOUTH JACKSON STREET IN HOUSTON,
37 MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ARMIS
38 HAWKINS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
39 TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS ALONG AND
40 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY DESCRIBED IN HOUSE
41 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82, 2019 REGULAR SESSION; AND FOR
42 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

44 **SECTION 1.** (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 51 in Lincoln
45 County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection at Natchez
46 Avenue and extending north to its intersection with Brookway
47 Boulevard is designated as the "Corporal Zach Moak and Officer
48 James White Memorial Highway."

49 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
50 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
51 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

52 **SECTION 2.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 589 in
53 Lamar County, Mississippi, beginning one-half (1/2) mile north of
54 its intersection with Victory Road and extending one (1) mile
55 south, is designated as the "Benjamin J. Deen Memorial Highway."

56 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
57 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
58 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

59 **SECTION 3.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 50 in
60 Lowndes County, Mississippi, in the corporate limits of the City
61 of Columbus, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with
62 Gardner Boulevard and extending one (1) mile east, is designated
63 as the "Senator William 'Bill' Canon Memorial Highway."



64 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
65 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
66 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

67 **SECTION 4.** (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 11 in Jones
68 County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Hill
69 Street and extending one (1) mile south, is designated as the
70 "Coach Elmer Higginbotham Memorial Highway."

71 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
72 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
73 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

74 **SECTION 5.** (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Alcorn
75 County and Prentiss County, Mississippi, beginning one (1) mile
76 north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi
77 Highway 356 and ending two (2) miles south of the intersection of
78 U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 356, is designated as the
79 "Speaker William J. 'Billy' McCoy Memorial Highway."

80 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
81 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
82 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

83 **SECTION 6.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 35 in
84 Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, beginning at the northern
85 corporate limits of the Town of Bassfield and extending south for
86 one (1) mile, is designated as the "H.D. Broome Memorial Highway."



87 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
88 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
89 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

90 **SECTION 7.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 371 in
91 Itawamba County, Mississippi, beginning one-half (1/2) mile north
92 of its intersection with Ozark Baptist Church Road and extending
93 south to a point one-half (1/2) mile south of its intersection
94 with Ozark Baptist Church Road, is designated as the "Jeff Boren
95 Memorial Highway."

96 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
97 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
98 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

99 **SECTION 8.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 16 in
100 Leake County, Mississippi, in the corporate limits of the City of
101 Carthage, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Dona
102 Drive and extending west to 1300 Highway 16, is designated as the
103 "Blake Burgess Memorial Highway."

104 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
105 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
106 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

107 **SECTION 9.** (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 42 in
108 Greene County, Mississippi, beginning at its southern intersection
109 with Mississippi Highway 63 and extending one (1) mile west, is
110 designated as the "Piney Woods Creek Memorial Highway in



111 Recognition EOW April 1, 1921, Deputy U.S. Marshal Jake Green and
112 Greene County Deputy Lawrence Dunnam."

113 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
114 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
115 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

116 **SECTION 10.** (1) On Mississippi Highway 25 in Rankin County,
117 Mississippi, where the Pisgah and Ross Barnett Reservoir signs are
118 located near the Pisgah exit may be erected a sign or signs that
119 reads as follows: "Home of Tori Bowie, Olympic Gold Medalist,
120 Pisgah High School Graduate."

121 (2) The sign or signs described in subsection (1) of this
122 section are to be erected in accordance with the Mississippi
123 Department of Transportation's permitting process and must be paid
124 for by Rankin County.

125 **SECTION 11.** For the purpose of directing motorists to the
126 Lynyrd Skynyrd Monument in Pike County, Mississippi, the
127 Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain
128 appropriate signs along certain highway segments approaching the
129 monument as follows:

130 (a) At Exit 8 of Interstate 55, on both the northbound
131 and the southbound sides, to indicate the turn onto Mississippi
132 Highway 568; and

133 (b) On Mississippi Highway 568 to indicate the turn
134 onto Easley Road.



135 **SECTION 12.** Section 11 of this act shall be codified in
136 Title 65, Chapter 3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

137 **SECTION 13.** (1) That portion of Mississippi Highway 13
138 Bypass located in Scott County within the corporate limits of the
139 City of Morton, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as
140 the "Sheena Miles, R.N., Medical Memorial Bypass."

141 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
142 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the portion
143 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

144 **SECTION 14.** The Mississippi Department of Transportation
145 shall erect and maintain appropriate signs indicating the location
146 of Magnolia Heights School at the northbound and southbound lanes
147 of Interstate 55 in Tate County, Mississippi, approaching Exit
148 263, which is the interchange of Interstate 55 and Mississippi
149 Highway 740.

150 **SECTION 15.** (1) That portion of Highway 11 in Jones County,
151 Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Magnolia Road and
152 extending southward for one (1) mile, is designated and shall be
153 known as the "Tyrone Stewart Memorial Highway."

154 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
155 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the portion
156 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

157 **SECTION 16.** (1) That portion of Mississippi Highway 302,
158 also known as Goodman Road, in Horn Lake, Mississippi, beginning
159 at its intersection with U.S. Highway 51 and extending eastward to



160 its intersection with Interstate 55, is designated and shall be
161 known as the "Sam Dye Memorial Highway."

162 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
163 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the portion
164 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

165 **SECTION 17.** (1) That portion of Old Highway 15/South
166 Jackson Street in Houston, Mississippi, beginning at its
167 intersection with Mississippi Highway 389 and extending northward
168 to its intersection with Mississippi Highway 8, is designated and
169 shall be known as the "Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice
170 Armis Hawkins Memorial Highway."

171 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
172 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the portion
173 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

174 **SECTION 18.** The Mississippi Department of Transportation
175 shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching
176 the intersection of highway described in House Concurrent
177 Resolution No. 82, 2019 Regular Session.

178 **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
179 and after July 1, 2020.

