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To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

1 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE BUILDING AT 1505 EASTOVER DRIVE IN
 2 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SAM G. POLLES STATE OFFICE
 3 BUILDING"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 WHEREAS, Sam G. Polles, Ph.D., served the State of
 5 Mississippi as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of
 6 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for approximately thirty (30) years,
 7 making him one of the longest-serving executive director of a
 8 state executive branch agency; and

9 WHEREAS, during Dr. Polles' tenure as executive director, the
 10 department has experienced several noteworthy achievements,
 11 including enhanced educational requirements to become a
 12 conservation officer; increased salaries; development and
 13 implementation of a career ladder that provides for advancement of
 14 conservation officers; improved training and state of the art



15 equipment; elevation of conservation officers into the status of
16 first responders; and improvement of educational requirements and
17 salaries for wildlife biologists; and

18 WHEREAS, by capitalizing on available federal grant monies,
19 the department has been able to make significant purchases of
20 land, more than doubling the amount of public lands held in trust
21 for natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi continues to benefit
23 tremendously from the cardinal guidance and innate leadership
24 abilities of Dr. Polles, and throughout his tenure he used his
25 expertise to serve in the role of executive director with
26 efficiency and effectiveness; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
28 commend outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Dr.
29 Polles, whose distinguished service to the people of the State of
30 Mississippi in leading efforts to promote conservation of our
31 state's abundant natural resources brings honor to this great
32 Magnolia State, and it is most fitting that the department's
33 central office building be named in his honor; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

35 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries
36 and Parks central office building, located at 1505 Eastover Drive,
37 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, shall be named the "Sam G.
38 Polles State Office Building." The Department of Finance and
39 Administration shall prepare or have prepared a distinctive



40 plaque, to be placed in a prominent place within the building,
41 that states the background, accomplishments and service to the
42 state of Dr. Sam G. Polles. The Department of Finance and
43 Administration in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of
44 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall erect or cause to be erected
45 proper lettering or signage on the outdoor facade of the main
46 front entrance of the building displaying the official name of the
47 building as the "Sam G. Polles State Office Building."

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

