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To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2530

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 49-27-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE
3 RESOURCES TO DESIGNATE THE DANZLER TRACT IN THE PASCAGOULA RIVER
4 MARSHES IN JACKSON COUNTY AS THE "SECRETARY OF STATE ERIC CLARK
5 COASTAL PRESERVE" IN HONOR OF HIS ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
6 COASTAL PRESERVE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
9 49-27-4, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 49-27-4. (1) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
11 is authorized and directed to designate the Danzler Tract, nine
12 hundred twenty-five (925) acres located in the Pascagoula River
13 Marshes in Jackson County, Mississippi, acquired in 1997 with
14 funds obtained by Secretary of State Eric Clark as trustee of the
15 public trust tidelands and part of the Mississippi Coastal
16 Preserves Program, as the "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal
17 Preserve" in honor of his role in the development of the program.



18 (2) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in
19 conjunction with the Office of Secretary of State are further
20 authorized to erect appropriate markers and signs indicating the
21 location of the "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve"
22 and other pertinent information on the mission, trail systems and
23 visitor guidelines relating to the Mississippi Coastal Plain.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2023.

