By: Senator(s) Blount, Younger, Butler   To: Ports and Marine
(36th), Barnett, Barrett, Blackmon,   Resources
Blackwell, Boyd, Branning, Bryan, Butler
(38th), Carter, Caughman, Chassaniol,
Chism, DeBar, DeLano, England,
Fillingane, Frazier, Harkins, Hickman,
Hill, Hopson, Horhn, Jackson, Johnson,
Jordan, Kirby, McCaughn, McDaniel,
McLendon, McMahan, Michel, Moran,
Norwood, Parker, Parks, Polk, Seymour,
Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th),
Sojourner, Sparks, Suber, Tate, Thomas,
Thompson, Turner-Ford, Whaley, Wiggins,
Williams

SENATE BILL NO. 2530
(As Passed the Senate)

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; TO CODIFY SECTION 49-27-4.1, MISSISSIPPI
7 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
8 OF MARINE RESOURCES TO DESIGNATE THE BIG ISLAND AT THE MOUTH OF
9 THE BACK BAY OF BILOXI AS "GOLLOTT ISLAND" AND THE BREAKWATER
10 IMPROVEMENTS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND AS "GODFATHER POINT"
11 IN HONOR OF SENATOR THOMAS A. GOLLOTT'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
12 THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14   **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section

15 49-27-4, Mississippi Code of 1972:

16   49-27-4. (1) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

17 is authorized and directed to designate the Danzler Tract, nine

18 hundred twenty-five (925) acres located in the Pascagoula River

19 Marshes in Jackson County, Mississippi, acquired in 1997 with

20 funds obtained by Secretary of State Eric Clark as trustee of the

21 public trust tidelands and part of the Mississippi Coastal

22 Preserves Program, as the "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal

23 Preserve" in honor of his role in the development of the program.

24   (2) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in

25 conjunction with the Office of Secretary of State are further

26 authorized to erect appropriate markers and signs indicating the

27 location of the "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal Preserve"

28 and other pertinent information on the mission, trail systems and

29 visitor guidelines relating to the Mississippi Coastal Plain.

30   **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section

31 49-27-4.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:-27-4.1, Mississippi Code of

32 1972:

33   49-27-4.1 (1) The Mississippi Department of Marine

34 Resources is authorized and directed to designate the "Big

35 Island", 57 acres located at the physical address of 0 Mouth of

36 Back Bay of Biloxi in Harrison County, Mississippi, as "Gollott

37 Island" in honor of the role of Senator Thomas A. Gollott in the

38 development of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Big Island is more

39 particularly described as Patent No. 1211672 Big Island Lot 2 of

40 Section 22-7-9 A Swamp and Overflowed land located at the mouth of

41 the Back Bay of Biloxi. The Mississippi Department of Marine

42 Resources is further authorized and directed to designate the

43 breakwater improvements on the south side of the island as

44 "Godfather Point".

45   (2) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in

46 conjunction with the Office of the Secretary of State are further

47 authorized to erect appropriate markers and signs indicating the

48 location of "Gollott Island" and "Godfather Point" and other

49 pertinent information on the mission, trail systems and visitor

50 guidelines relating to the Mississippi Coastal Plain.

51   **SECTION 3**. This act shall take effect and be in force from

52 and after July 1, 2023.

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ST: "Secretary of State Eric Clark Coastal
Preserve" and "Gollott Island/Godfather Point";
Department of Marine Resources designate.