MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2024

By: Representatives Smith, Hale, Hall To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1681 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 513 2 SOUTH IN STONEWALL, CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "LANCE 3 CORPORAL MAC HAMBURG, USMC, MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A 4 SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH LOCATED IN WALNUT, TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MAJ. GEN. ALBEN "AL" NORRIS HOPKINS, 5 6 SR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 72 7 SOUTH LOCATED IN SLAYDEN, MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "EDDIE DIXON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF 8 9 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 311 SOUTH LOCATED IN HOLLY SPRINGS, MARSHALL 10 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CHARLES W. AND JUANITA THOMAS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 11 12 30 LOCATED IN PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "J.P. DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 9 13 IN WEBSTER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CW2 WILLIAM H. "BILL" 14 SEABORN, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CW2 WILLIAM 15 16 H. SEABORN, JR., WHO VALIANTLY SACRIFICED HIS LIFE IN THE VIETNAM 17 WAR; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 39 IN MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE 18 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CHERI M. BARRY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN 19 MEMORY OF THE LATE MAYOR OF MERIDIAN, CHERYL "CHERI" M. BARRY; TO 20 DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 15 IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, 21 MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JUDGE FRED WICKER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY 22 OF THE LATE FORMER WORLD WAR II ARMY VETERAN, MISSISSIPPI STATE 23 SENATOR AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THOMAS FREDERICK WICKER; TO 24 DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7 IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JOHNNY MORGAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF 25 26 THE LATE STATE SENATOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD 27 OF SUPERVISORS, JOHNNY MORGAN; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF 28 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 57 IN GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE 29 PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH LOCATED IN GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "DEPUTY JEREMY 30 31 MALONE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. 32 INTERSTATE 269 LOCATED IN DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MASON WILBANKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 33

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G1/2 34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 35 SECTION 1. The segment of Mississippi Highway 513 South (1) located in Stonewall, Clarke County, Mississippi, beginning at its 36 intersection with Church Street, and running northwesterly for a 37 38 distance of approximately one (1) mile, more or less, to the 39 Chickasawhay River in Enterprise, Clarke County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, 40 41 USMC, Memorial Highway."

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

45 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 15 South 46 located in Walnut, Tippah County, Mississippi, beginning at the 47 entrance of the Walnut Fire Department, and running southerly for 48 a distance of one (1) mile, more or less, to the bridge located 49 thereon which crosses Hurricane Creek, due north of Souls Harbor 50 Apostolic Church, is designated and shall be known as the "Maj. 51 Gen. Alben "Al" Norris Hopkins, Sr., Memorial Highway."

52 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect 53 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment 54 of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

55 <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 72 South located 56 in Slayden, Marshall County, Mississippi, extending for a total 57 distance of approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance 58 of one-half (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of U.S. Highway

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59 72 and a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction 60 of U.S. Highway 72, with the central point of beginning in both 61 the easterly and westerly directions being the entrance of the 62 H.W. Byers School, is designated and shall be known as the "Eddie 63 Dixon Memorial Highway."

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

67 <u>SECTION 4.</u> (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 311 South 68 located in Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi, beginning 69 at its intersection with MS Highway 7, and running northerly for a 70 distance of one (1) mile, more or less, to its intersection with 71 Landfill Road, is designated and shall be known as the "Charles W. 72 and Juanita Thomas Memorial Highway."

73 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect 74 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment 75 of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

76 The segment of Mississippi Highway 30 SECTION 5. (1)77 located in Prentiss County, Mississippi, extending for a total 78 distance of approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance 79 of one-half (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of Mississippi 80 Highway 30 and a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction of Mississippi Highway 30 from Prentiss County, 81 82 Mississippi, with the central point of beginning in both the easterly and westerly directions being the location of the home of 83

H. B. No. 1681 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 24/HR43/R1570SG PAGE 3 (DJ\EW) 84 Mr. J.P. Davis, shall be known as the "J.P. Davis Memorial 85 Highway."

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

89 SECTION 6. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 9 located in Webster County, Mississippi, extending from North Lake Circle 90 in Eupora, Mississippi, in a northern direction for approximately 91 92 one (1) mile to Dump Road in Eupora, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "CW2 William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr. 93 Memorial Highway" in memory of the late CW2 William H. "Bill" 94 95 Seaborn, Jr., who was the recipient of four (4) military medals 96 and who valiantly sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War.

97 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect 98 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment 99 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

100 <u>SECTION 7.</u> (1) The segment of Highway 39 that starts at 101 North Hill Street located in the City of Meridian, Lauderdale 102 County, Mississippi, and extends in a southward direction for one 103 (1) mile is designated and shall be known as the "Cheri M. Barry 104 Memorial Highway" in memory of the late former Meridian Mayor, 105 Cheryl "Cheri" M. Barry, who was a diligent public servant, 106 humanitarian and trailblazer.

H. B. No. 1681 24/HR43/R1570SG PAGE 4 (DJ\EW) 107 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
108 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
109 of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

The section of Mississippi Highway 15 110 SECTION 8. (1)111 located in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, beginning at the 112 intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 278 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and extending approximately one (1) mile 113 south, is designated and shall be known as the "Judge Fred Wicker 114 115 Memorial Highway" in memory of the late former World War II Army 116 Veteran, Mississippi State Senator and Circuit Court Judge, Thomas Frederick Wicker. 117

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

121 The section of Mississippi Highway 7 located **SECTION 9.** (1) 122 in Lafayette County, Mississippi, beginning at the intersection of 123 Mississippi Highway 7 North and County Road 299 in Oxford, 124 Mississippi, and extending north for approximately one (1) mile to 125 County Road 1018 in Oxford, Mississippi, shall be known as the 126 "Johnny Morgan Memorial Highway" in memory of the late State 127 Senator and President of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, Johnny Morgan. 128

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

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132 <u>SECTION 10.</u> (1) The section of Mississippi Highway 57
133 located in Greene County, Mississippi, that begins at Canaan Land
134 United Pentecostal Church in Leakesville, Mississippi, and extends
135 approximately one (1) mile east to the Big Creek Bridge in
136 Hillman, Mississippi, shall be known as the "Purple Heart Highway"
137 in honor of Rawleigh X.L. Bradley, who was injured during the
138 Korean Conflict and was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart.

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

142 SECTION 11. (1)The segment of U.S. Highway 98 South located in George County, Mississippi, beginning at its 143 144 intersection with Brushy Creek Road, and running westerly for a distance of approximately one (1) mile, more or less, towards its 145 intersection with Rocky Creek Road in George County, Mississippi, 146 147 is designated and shall be known as the "Deputy Jeremy Malone 148 Memorial Highway."

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

152 <u>SECTION 12.</u> (1) The segment of U.S. Interstate 269 located 153 in DeSoto County, Mississippi, extending for a total distance of 154 approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance of one-half 155 (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of U.S. Interstate 269 and a 156 distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction of U.S.

H. B. No. 1681 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 24/HR43/R1570SG PAGE 6 (DJ\EW) 157 Interstate 269, with Exit 1 at McIngvale Road being designated as 158 the central point of beginning in both the easterly and westerly 159 directions, shall be known as the "Mason Wilbanks Memorial 160 Highway."

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

164 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 165 and after July 1, 2024.

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