

By: Representative Clark

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1859

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HOLMES COUNTY HERITAGE
2 AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION, INC., TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS
3 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HAZEL BRANNON SMITH
4 MEMORIAL PARK IN LEXINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Holmes County Heritage and
9 Cultural Foundation, Inc., to assist in paying costs associated
10 with the construction of the Hazel Brannon Smith Memorial Park in
11 Lexington for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
12 June 30, 2026.....\$250,000.00

13 **SECTION 2.** The Hazel Brannon Smith Memorial Park will be an
14 outside museum park with displays and exhibitions, and is to honor
15 Hazel Brannon Smith, a Holmes County journalist and publisher who,
16 in 1964, became the first woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for
17 Editorial Writing.

18 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
19 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund



20 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
21 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
22 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
23 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2025.

