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To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 669

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PLACE A  
2 DISTINCTIVE MARKER ON THE TOMBSTONE OF EACH MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY  
3 SAFETY PATROL OFFICER WHO IS KILLED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR  
4 HER OFFICIAL DUTIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN AND FUNDING OF  
5 THE DISTINCTIVE MARKER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall place  
8 a distinctive marker on the tombstone of each Mississippi Highway  
9 Safety Patrol officer who is killed in the performance of his or  
10 her official duties. The distinctive marker shall be designed by  
11 the Department of Public Safety with the advice and recommendation  
12 of the Mississippi State Troopers' Association.

13 (2) The funding for the distinctive markers shall be made  
14 from any funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Department  
15 of Public Safety or from any gifts, grants or donations received  
16 by the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of providing  
17 the distinctive markers.

18 (3) This section shall apply to all Mississippi Highway  
19 Safety Patrol officers who have given their lives in the  
20 performance of their official duties before and after the  
21 enactment of this act.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2000.