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To: Veterans and Military
Affairs;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3024

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MONUMENT
2 COMMISSION TO PLAN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OF A
3 MONUMENT RECOGNIZING MISSISSIPPI RECIPIENTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
4 MEDAL OF HONOR; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO SOLICIT PRIVATE
5 MONETARY DONATIONS FOR DEPOSIT INTO A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
6 MONUMENT TRUST FUND WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. [JMR1](1) In addition to the duties assigned to
10 the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission in Sections 55-15-55,
11 55-15-57 and 55-15-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, the commission is
12 hereby authorized, subject to any available funds, to plan and
13 provide for the design, construction and dedication of a monument
14 recognizing Mississippi recipients of the Congressional Medal of
15 Honor. In planning the design, construction and dedication of the
16 monument, the commission shall consult with and be advised by the
17 State Veterans Affairs Board. The commission may solicit private
18 monetary donations for deposit into a Congressional Medal of Honor
19 Monument Trust Fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury.

20 Private donations to the trust fund may be accepted as well as
21 any appropriation made for that purpose by the Legislature. The
22 commission is also authorized to accept for deposit into the trust
23 fund grants or donations made to it from any other source. All
24 funds deposited in the trust fund shall be used exclusively for
25 the purpose of designing, constructing and maintaining the
26 monument.

27 (2) The board of supervisors of any county and the governing
28 authorities of any municipality are hereby authorized and

29 empowered, in their discretion, to make contributions out of any
30 available county or municipal funds, as appropriate, to the
31 Congressional Medal of Honor Monument Trust Fund.

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