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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1549  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
2 EXCEED \$2,500.00 FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE ADOPTION OF  
3 A CHILD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** There shall be allowed as a credit against the  
6 tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption  
7 expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred  
8 Dollars (\$2,500.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a  
9 taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or  
10 during any calendar year thereafter. The tax credit under this  
11 section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption  
12 becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit  
13 claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be  
14 carried forward for the three (3) succeeding tax years. A tax  
15 credit is not allowed under this section for any child for which  
16 an exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section  
17 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified  
18 adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term  
19 has in 26 USCS 23.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in  
21 Chapter 7 of Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after January 1, 2006.