MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2007

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To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2069

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AUGUST 29 OF EACH YEAR AS "KATRINA DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" IN MISSISSIPPI IN HONOR OF THE VICTIMS OF THIS MOST DESTRUCTIVE STORM AND AS A STATEWIDE EXPRESSION OF FAITH AND HOPE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on Monday, August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, originally designated a Category Four Hurricane, crashed with unrelenting and violent force onto the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, making landfall at or around Waveland, Mississippi. In one day, the worst natural disaster in our state's history struck us a grievous blow, leaving a 90-mile swath of destruction along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and causing severe damage throughout Central and North Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi hereby recognizes that the events of August 29, 2005, and the days following, when Hurricane Katrina struck Mississippi a deadly blow and so many in Mississippi lost their lives, are among the most historic in the entire history of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that it is appropriate for the State of Mississippi to commemorate this tragic event and to memorialize the hundreds of citizens who lost their lives; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. August 29 of each year is designated as "Katrina Day of Remembrance" in Mississippi in honor of the victims of this most destructive storm, to bring awareness of the destruction caused by hurricanes, and to call upon the citizens of Mississippi to join each other and the entire community that is linked by the Gulf of Mexico in a unified expression of faith and hope.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2007.

ST: "Katrina Day of Remembrance" in Mississippi; designate August 29 annually.