

Senate Bill 2511 – Bill Signing
Thursday, April 19, 2001
1:00 p.m.
Capitol Steps – South Side

Talking Points

- Good Afternoon
- Thousands of American men and women have died fighting to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.
- Many of those men and women are Mississippians.
- It is important that we take time to stop and recognize the sacrifices of the people who fought to preserve our freedom.
- They were willing to put their lives on the line.
- We celebrate freedom everyday, but today is special.
- Today we celebrate the signing of Senate Bill 2511.

- Senate Bill 2511 designates all of Interstate 20, within the State of Mississippi, as the 31st Infantry Division Memorial Highway.
- 50 years ago the 31st Infantry Division, known as the Dixie Division, was called to active duty for the Korean War.
- 60 years ago the 31st Infantry Division was called to active duty for World War II.
- Please join me in recognizing the members of the 31st Infantry Division and Dr. Tom Logue who are here today.
- Senate Bill 2511 also designates a certain portion of Mississippi Highway 25 as “Military Order of the Purple Heart Drive.”
- I want to recognize the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart who are here today, and Mr. Othur Jackson for his leadership.
- These specially designated areas of our highways and interstates will serve as constant reminders of our soldier’s valiant efforts.

- Passage of this legislation is an example of how good results happen from give & take compromise and hard work.
- (Introduce Dr./Colonel Tom Logue) He has worked tirelessly to ensure passage, working with veterans and legislators to honor his fellow soldiers.
- (Dr. Tom Logue speaks)
- (Ask Othur Jackson and Dr. Logue to join you for the bill signing.)
- It is my pleasure to sign Senate Bill 2511.
- (Sign the bill and hand ceremonial copies to Dr. Logue and Mr. Othur Jackson)
- Mississippians are eternally grateful for every person who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and for those who have supported their efforts.
- We cannot forget the men and women who founded this country and fought to keep it a democracy.

- Mississippians are proud and thankful of our veterans, I am proud of our veterans and have a deep respect for the sacrifices they have made – they deserve our respect and honor for their service to our country and to our state.
- I would now like to ask Dr. Logue to introduce our final portion of today's ceremony.
- (Taps)

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AGENDA

1. Governor introduces Tom Lattimore
2. Tom Lattimore, Chaplin – “God Bless America Prayer”
3. Governor makes remarks
4. Dr. Tom Logue (Colonel) speaks
5. Governor signs ceremonial bill
6. Hand ceremonial bills to Dr. Logue and Mr. Othur Jackson (Dr. Logue arrange for Mr. Jackson to be present today. He is from Neshoba County.)
7. Jimmy Pickens – plays “Taps”