

May 5, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H.B. NO. 280: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS THAT DISPLAY THE EMBLEM OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN OTHER STATES; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-55-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF ANIMAL CARE ORGANIZATIONS; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 69-15-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE REHABILITATION ORGANIZATIONS; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY AND ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI SIERRA CLUB; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF DUCKS

UNLIMITED, INC.; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES OR TAGS TO OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA OR WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RANKING RECOGNIZED BY THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF SUCH TAGS OR PLATES; TO ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR SUCH TAGS OR PLATES; TO AUTHORIZE A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; TO IMPOSE A FEE THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS DISPLAYING AN EMBLEM DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE FEES PAID FOR SUCH TAGS SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE COASTAL PRESERVE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE SEAFOOD FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ESTABLISH THE COASTAL PRESERVE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE SEAFOOD FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS IN SUCH ACCOUNT SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR THE MANAGEMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF COASTAL PRESERVES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW ALL HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS TO PURCHASE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES FOR EACH VEHICLE REGISTERED IN HIS NAME; TO REVISE THE TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR EVIDENCE OF VETERAN SERVICE BY THE APPLICANT FOR THE DISTINCTIVE PLATE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED PERSON WHO WAS ISSUED A PURPLE HEART MEDAL DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG TO APPLY FOR OR RETAIN SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG AND TO CONTINUE ANNUALLY TO RENEW REGISTRATION FOR ONE SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG FOR AS LONG AS THE SPOUSE REMAINS UNMARRIED; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG ISSUED TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE SHALL NOT BE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM AND PRIVILEGE TAXES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE TAG DISPLAYING AN EMBLEM DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE AND TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR SUCH TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE SUNFLOWER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION, INC., AND PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR SUCH TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE TAG DISPLAYING AN EMBLEM DESIGNED BY THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION AND TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR SUCH TAG; TO PROVIDE FOR A DISTINCTIVE TAG TO BE ISSUED THAT DISPLAYS THE EMBLEM OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY; TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR SUCH TAG; TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 27-19-47.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR ANTIQUE PICKUP TRUCKS; TO PRESCRIBE

THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-51-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT VEHICLES FOR WHICH SUCH LICENSE PLATES ARE ISSUED SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL AD VALOREM TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINGUISHING NUMBER TAGS TO CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-325, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 5, 2000; 3:13 PM)

H.B. NO. 805: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 5, 2000; 3:14 PM)

H.B. NO. 1705: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY TO CREATE THE TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY NATURAL GAS DISTRICT; TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT; TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 5, 2000; 3:15 PM)

H.B. NO. 1721: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH TO OPERATE ITS NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 5, 2000; 3:16 PM)

H.B. NO. 1735: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 1019, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1996, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 980, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1998, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT CREATE THE HANCOCK COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BUREAU AND PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 5, 2000; 11:39 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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