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### *Sen. Derrick T. Simmons' Statement on Governor Phil Bryant's Proclamation of Confederate Heritage Month*

GREENVILLE, MISS. --- "I as a citizen of Mississippi and as a State Senator am appalled and disappointed that while America celebrates Black History Month and the achievements of men and women who bridged the historic gap between the races, Governor Phil Bryant would proclaim April to be Confederate Heritage Month, but yet is not bold enough to admit that we need to change our divisive pro-slavery state flag in order to promote more peaceful dialogue between the races."

"You have to wonder how can the leader of our state with a clear conscience promote the Confederate Battle Symbol that many of us are struggling to get rid of? How can the governor glorify and praise the cruel, vicious and wicked history that the Confederacy represents for many of our citizens, black and white?"