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ADVANCE MISSISSIPPI PRAISES LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR FOR SPECIAL SESSION ENERGY PROJECTS

JACKSON – Today, Advance Mississippi Chairman Glenn McCullough, Jr. praised the legislature for its quick action and Governor Haley Barbour and his team at the Mississippi Development Authority for investing in two high-tech economic development projects that will increase Mississippi's energy sector diversity and provide needed jobs for Mississippians.

"The Calisol project in Columbus will provide silicon for use in solar panels, and the HCL CleanTech investment in Mississippi will bring new technologies to aid in the conversion of biomass to biofuels. Under Governor Barbour's leadership, and through the quick action of the Mississippi legislature, our state continues to embrace an 'all of the above' energy policy: exploring new energy technologies while embracing cleaner and more efficient means of traditional energy sources. While these companies are not exclusive to the energy industry, both will contribute to the diversity of renewable power-related production in Mississippi and across the country.

"Today's action by the legislature will bring two high-paying, high-tech companies to Mississippi, which will create nearly 1,800 jobs. That these companies would choose to locate their facilities in Mississippi speaks to our state's sound economic development policies and business environment, and to the national and international recognition that our energy policy creates investment, development, and more jobs for Mississippians."

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