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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 18A TO
3 PROVIDE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION, VOLUNTARY PRAYER
4 OR MEDITATION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
5 CLASSROOMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
7 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
8 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
9 state:

10 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by creating a new
11 section to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 18A. In each public school classroom, grades
13 kindergarten through twelve (12), the teacher in charge shall
14 provide a brief period of quiet reflection, voluntary prayer or
15 meditation for not more than sixty (60) seconds at the beginning
16 of each school day, with participation by each pupil being
17 entirely voluntary."

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
19 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
20 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
21 of November 2002, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
22 and by general law.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
24 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
25 constitutional amendment creates a new section of the constitution
26 which requires that in each public school classroom, grades
27 kindergarten through twelve (12), the teacher in charge must
28 provide a brief period of quiet reflection, voluntary prayer or



29 meditation for not more than sixty (60) seconds at the beginning
30 of each school day, with participation by each pupil being
31 entirely voluntary."

