

By: Representatives Pierce, Eaton

To: Constitution; Education

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

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 PUBIC 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, kindergarten
13 through Grade 12, the teacher in charge shall provide a brief
14 period of quite reflection, voluntary prayer or meditation for not
15 more than sixty (60) seconds at the beginning of each school day,
16 with participation by each pupil being entirely voluntary."

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
18 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
19 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
20 of November 2003, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
21 and by general law.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
23 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
24 constitutional amendment creates a new section of the Constitution
25 which requires that in each public school classroom, kindergarten
26 through Grade 12, the teacher in charge must provide a brief
27 period of quiet reflection, voluntary prayer or meditation for not



28 more than sixty (60) seconds at the beginning of each school day,
29 with participation by each pupil being entirely voluntary."

