

By: Representatives Scott, To: Rules
Bailey, Bentz, Blackmon,
Broomfield, Buck, Burnett,
Calhoun, Clark, Clarke, Coleman
(29th), Coleman (65th), Ellis,
Espy, Evans, Fillingane, Flaggs, Fleming, Fredericks, Gibbs, Harrison,
Hines, Holloway, Huddleston, Johnson, Middleton, Morris, Myers,
Perkins, Robinson (63rd), Smith (27th), Straughter, Thomas, Watson,
Young

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND OSTRACIZING FORMER UNITED STATES
2 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WILLIAM BENNETT FOR HIS REPULSIVE,
3 CONDESCENDING AND RACIST REMARKS.

4 WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 29, 2005, America's ears were
5 tainted with the impurities of racial improprieties espoused by
6 former United States Secretary of Education William Bennett; and

7 WHEREAS, this despicable utterance by Bennett highlights not
8 only a blatant disrespect for African Americans, but also a
9 disregard for the value of human life; and

10 WHEREAS, in this present day and time, for such a vile and
11 derogatory remark as that spoken by Bennett, "aborting every black
12 baby in this country would reduce the crime rate," to be aired on
13 nationally syndicated television and radio shows is both
14 incomprehensible and preposterous; and

15 WHEREAS, even in the most hypothetical of scenarios, this
16 absurdity dealt an insulting blow to African Americans and every
17 minority ethnic group in the nation alike, and amounts to a
18 ludicrous proposition of cultural genocide, similarly reminiscent
19 of Nazi Germany during Hitler's reign of terror; and

20 WHEREAS, the social injustice and indignity delivered by a
21 public figure of Bennett's stature brings us face to face with the
22 stark reality that the pestilence of racism in our country is
23 still rampant; and

24 WHEREAS, it is policy of the House of Representatives to
25 sustain and uphold the Constitution of the State of Mississippi,
26 the United States Constitution and an equally unbiased opportunity
27 for all to become productive citizens our society:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
30 condemn and ostracize William Bennett for his repulsive,
31 condescending and racial slurs.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
33 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.