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January 28, 1985

Honorable Ethel Terrell
State Representative
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Terrell:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of House Resolution No. 802, condemning the governmental practices of the government of South Africa.

I am pleased by the continued efforts of the many who are speaking out on the inhuman apartheid system of South Africa.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Geo. W. Crockett, Jr.
Member of Congress

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FA: SOUTH AFRICA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 802

Offered by Representatives Terrell, Harrison, Joe Young, Jr., Owen, Murphy, Bartnik, Smith, Kilpatrick, Stallworth, DeBeaussaert, Cherry, Bullard, Spaniola, Stabenow, Webb, DeMars, Mahalak, Sitz, Koivisto, Hunter, Saunders, Watkins, Gagliardi, Dodak, Hood, Hertel, Emerson, Forbes, McNeely, Jondahl, Jacobetti, and Richard A. Young

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE TO OPENLY CONDEMN THE GOVERNMENTAL PRACTICES OF THE NATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

WHEREAS, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives wish to express to the United States Secretary of State our abhorrence and disdain concerning the inhumane and unjust policies of the government of the nation of South Africa. As representatives of a people who cherish the basic human rights of equality and freedom of speech, religion, and political association, we vehemently detest the intolerable actions of the minority regime in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Such American traditions of liberty and human rights are only illusive dreams in South Africa. The majority of the citizens there, under racially biased apartheid rule, face poverty and increasing repression. Mass arrests without due process have become common. Indeed, hundreds of people have been detained by South African authorities since the beginning of this year. It is reported that twenty-one labor leaders have been detained without charges since mid-November after helping organize a strike of black workers. Moreover, Nelson Mandela, a black activist, has been imprisoned unjustly in South Africa for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, A change in America's policy toward South Africa is essential. Our nation must aggressively oppose such bigotry and intolerable prejudice. In order to more effectively demand change, it is most appropriate that we urge the official condemnation of the oppressive apartheid practices of the government of South Africa; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the members of this legislative body memorialize the United States Secretary of State to openly condemn the governmental practices of the nation of South Africa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of State as evidence of our emphatic views regarding this matter.

Ethel Terrell

ETHEL TERRELL, State Representative
Ninth District
The Eighty-Second Legislature
at Lansing