

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman

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Sensenbrenner Statement on President Bush Signing Into Law Extension of the Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President George W. Bush today signed into law H.R. 9, the "Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006." House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.), the sponsor of H.R. 9, released the following statement:

Chairman Sensenbrenner said, "Today President Bush signed historic legislation that unequivocally states that we will not tolerate any effort to deny an American citizen the right to vote based upon the color of his or her skin. The Voting Rights Act is correctly described as the 'crown jewel' of the civil rights era because it protects the foundation of our great democracy – the right to vote. I'm proud all Americans will continue to enjoy the protections of the Voting Rights Act for 25 more years."

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