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Black Political Power Will Be Topic of Discussion at The U of M March 21

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Current and former members of Congress will discuss the changing nature of national African-American political power during a symposium Friday, March 21, at The University of Memphis. The event will be held in Room 136 of the Fogelman Executive Center from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The free forum is open to the public.

Participants will include current U.S. Representatives Bobby Rush, Eleanor Holmes-Norton and Sheila Jackson-Lee, along with former Representatives Harold Ford Sr. and Mike Espy. The symposium will be moderated by Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks.

Panel members will address the changing nature of black political power in national politics over the past 50 years. They will focus particularly on new challenges and new opportunities faced by African-American political leaders.

Sponsors are the University's Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change and the office of Congressman Harold Ford Jr. The Hooks Institute is a public policy research center working to understand the continuing legacy of the American civil rights movement and to advance the national dialogue on civil rights and social justice.

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