

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 24

Condemning the commutation of the death sentence of Anthony George Battle granted by President Biden on December 23, 2024.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 14, 2025

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COM-**

3 **MUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF AN-**

4 **THONY GEORGE BATTLE GRANTED BY PRESI-**

5 **DENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024.**

6 It is the sense of the Senate that—

7 (1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the

8 rule of law and robbed victims of justice when he

9 commuted the death sentence of Anthony George

10 Battle on December 23, 2024;

1 (2) Anthony Battle was convicted of murdering
2 his wife, a U.S. Marine, and sentenced to life impris-
3 onment;

4 (3) while Battle was serving his life sentence at
5 Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, he murdered a 31-
6 year-old correctional officer named D'Antonio Wash-
7 ington by bludgeoning Washington in the back of
8 the head repeatedly with a ball-peen hammer;

9 (4) when Battle was questioned by investiga-
10 tors, he had no remorse and stated that he was
11 “happy” he killed Washington;

12 (5) this commutation is a reprehensible insult
13 to the victims of Anthony Battle;

14 (6) President Biden claimed that he commuted
15 the death sentences of Anthony Battle and 36 other
16 murderers out of a principled opposition to the death
17 penalty but refused to commute the death sentences
18 of the 3 most controversial death row inmates, dem-
19 onstrating that President Biden was motivated by
20 politics, not principles; and

21 (7) the Senate unequivocally condemns this
22 commutation.

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