

# Meet a Few of Our New “Good Ole Boys.”

*Amy Tuck*

*Lieutenant Governor, State of MS*

*Bennie Thompson*

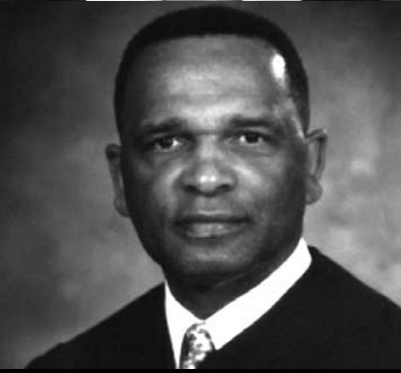
*U.S. Congressman*

*Yvonne Brown*

*Mayor of Tchula, First Black Female  
Republican to Hold Elected Office in MS*

*James E. Graves, Jr.*

*MS Supreme Court Justice*



*Tyree Irving*

*Judge, MS Court of Appeals*

*Alyce Griffin Clarke*

*First African American Woman  
Elected to MS Legislature*

*Lenore Prather*

*Fmr. Chief Justice, MS Supreme Court*

*Phillip Martin*

*Fmr. Chief,  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*

The “good ole boy” network alive and well in Mississippi? Not hardly.

Our new “network” consists of more black elected officials than any other state in the country – a number that grew from a mere 81 in 1970 to 897 in 2000. Not to mention women who have held high-ranking positions in the state, such as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Lieutenant Governor. And an Indian chief – yes, an Indian chief – whose business savvy and leadership skills propelled the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to the forefront of economic development in the Southeast during his almost 30 years as chief.

“Good ole boys?” Try “great young visionaries.”  
That’s more like today’s Mississippi.

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