

## HRES 259

Condemning the existence of racially restrictive covenants in housing documents and urging States to adopt legislation similar to that which was enacted in California to address the issue.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 6, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 4, 2005)

Declares that the existence of racially restrictive covenants in housing documents is inconsistent with the principles and values embodied in Supreme Court precedent and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, and causes harm to not only property owners but to all members of American society.

Commends California and the Missouri State Senate for taking roles in such covenants' removal.

Urges States to enact laws that: (1) will more readily permit property owners to remove racially restrictive covenants from their property titles, deeds, or other documents; and (2) require homeowner associations to strike racially restrictive covenants from all declarations or other governing documents.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 6, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **May 19, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3589)
- **May 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.