

SCONRES 42

A concurrent resolution recognizing the historical significance of the Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 516	Identical bill	Jun 19, 2006: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6097; text as passed Senate: CR S6097; text of measure as introduced: CR S6064)
109 HCONRES 160	Related bill	Jun 22, 2005: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2005)

Recognizes the historical significance to the nation, and supports the continued celebration, of Juneteenth Independence Day (June 19, 1865, the day Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved African Americans were free).

Declares the sense of Congress that: (1) history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future; and (2) the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part of the history and heritage of the United States.

Actions Timeline

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