

HRES 530

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the actions of the Gretna Police Department, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department and all officers under their command who closed to foot traffic the Greater New Orleans Bridge in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and prevented hundreds of citizens from evacuating the City of New Orleans, and recognizing that at all times and especially during a time of national crisis, that all citizens should be treated in a lawful manner and with dignity and respect.

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Feb 6, 2006)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4209	Related bill	<b>Feb 6, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Condemns the actions of the Gretna Police Department and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department in Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (closing the Greater New Orleans Bridge to foot traffic and preventing hundreds of citizens from evacuating New Orleans).

Declares that the civil rights and civil liberties of all individuals should be protected, especially during a time of national crisis. Calls upon local, state, and federal authorities to work to prevent bias and racial insensitivity and to adopt laws and procedures that will protect civil liberties.

Urges the United States to condemn the actions of, and initiate a Department of Justice investigation into misconduct by, the Gretna Police Department.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 6, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
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