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### **HRES 1159**

Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America's effort to end the practice.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commemorations Introduced: Apr 29, 2008

Current Status: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Sep 9, 2008)

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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: House

## Cosponsors (34 total)

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Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	$R \cdot IN$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	$D\cdotTX$	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	$D \cdot NY$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	$D\cdotMD$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	$D\cdotIL$	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	$R \cdot NJ$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	$D \cdot AR$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	$D \cdot NY$	Apr 29, 2	800
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA	Apr 29, 2	800
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Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA	Jun 10, 2	800
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	$D\cdotCT$	Jun 10, 2	800
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	$D\cdotMI$	Jun 10, 2	800
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	$D \cdot NC$	Jun 10, 2	800
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA	Jul 17, 20	800
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN	Aug 1, 20	800

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2008

#### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Commemorations

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 SRES 540	Related bill	Sep 23, 2008: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9344-9345; text as passed Senate: CR S9344-9345)

Summary (as of Sep 9, 2008)

# (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Recognizes the historical and educational significance of the USS Constellation, a 153-year-old American warship berthed in Baltimore, Maryland, as a reminder of both American participation in the slave trade and U.S. efforts to suppress this inhumane practice.

Applauds the vessel's preservation and the USS Constellation Museum's efforts regarding this part of our history.

Supports the USS Constellation as an appropriate site to commemorate the bicentennial of transatlantic slave trade abolition.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 9, 2008: Ms. Jackson-Lee moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- Sep 9, 2008: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7874-7876)
- Sep 9, 2008: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 1159.
- Sep 9, 2008: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7874)
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- Apr 29, 2008: Introduced in House
- Apr 29, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.