

SRES 178

A resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 18, 2007
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 18, 2007
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2007
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 2, 2007
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Aug 3, 2007
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 4, 2007
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 4, 2007
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 5, 2007
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2007
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2007
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Dec 3, 2007
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Dec 11, 2007
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jan 24, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HRES 100	Related bill	May 1, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2008)

Expresses condolences to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and recognizes the families' courage in seeking justice.

Expresses the solidarity of the people of the United States with the people of Guatemala in the face of these tragic acts.

Condemns the ongoing abductions and murders of women and girls in Guatemala.

Urges the government of Guatemala to: (1) strengthen laws with respect to domestic violence and sexual harassment, improve the integrity of the prosecutorial and judicial systems, and provide the resources to enforce justice for crimes against women; and (2) hold accountable law enforcement and judicial officials who have failed to investigate and prosecute the murders.

Encourages the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to provide assistance in establishing a comprehensive missing persons system and a state protection program for witnesses, victims' relatives, and human rights defenders.

Encourages the Secretary to support efforts to identify perpetrators and unknown victims through forensic analysis, including assisting the government of Guatemala in adequately funding the National Institute for Forensic Science (INACIF) and training lab personnel in investigatory and evidence gathering protocols.

Recommends that the Secretary develop a comprehensive plan to combat the growing problem of violence against women in Latin America.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2008:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1823)
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with amendments and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR 3/11/2008 S1890-1891)
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with amendments and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR 3/11/2008 S1890-1891)
- **May 1, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5399-5400)
- **May 1, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5398-5399)