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SRES 540

A resolution recognizing the historical significance of the sloop-of-war USS Constellation as a reminder of the participation of the United States in the transatlantic slave trade and of the efforts of the United States to end the slave trade.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commemorations **Introduced:** Apr 29, 2008

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

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Latest Action: 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) (Sep 23, 2008)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-resolution/540

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	$D\cdotMD$		Apr 29, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HRES 1159	Related bill	Sep 9, 2008: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(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 warship berthed in Baltimore, Maryland, as a reminder of both the U.S. participation in the slave trade and U.S. government efforts to suppress the inhumane practice.

Applauds the historic vessel's preservation and the efforts of the USS Constellation Museum to engage people from all over the world with this vital part of history.

Supports the Constellation as an appropriate site to commemorate, in 2008, the bicentennial of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 23, 2008: Passed/agreed to in Senate: 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)
- 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)
- Sep 18, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Sep 18, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- Sep 18, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1030.
- Apr 29, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 29, 2008: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3514-3515)