

## SRES 159

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

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]         | R · KS        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]  | R · TX        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]            | D · MI        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 21, 2009 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

| Bill               | Relationship | Last Action   |
|--------------------|--------------|---|
| 111<br>HRES<br>546 | Related bill | <b>Jun 22, 2010:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  |
| 111<br>SRES<br>559 | Related bill | <b>Jun 16, 2010:</b> Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5046-5047; text as passed Senate: CR S5046-5047; text of measure as introduced: CR S4996) |
| 111<br>SRES<br>198 | Related bill | <b>Jun 19, 2009:</b> Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6856-6857; text as passed Senate: CR S6857; text of measure as introduced: CR S6850-6851) |

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).

Expresses 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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