

SCONRES 16

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States should exercise his constitutional authority to pardon posthumously John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Apr 1, 2009

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4196-4197)

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4196-4197) (Apr 1, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		May 1, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 SCONRES 29	Related bill	Jul 29, 2009: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 HCONRES 91	Related bill	Apr 27, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Apr 1, 2009)

Calls for the President to grant a pardon, posthumously, to Jack Johnson (the first African-American professional boxer to hold the title of Heavyweight Champion of the World) to expunge from the annals of American criminal justice a racially motivated abuse of the federal government's prosecutorial authority and to recognize his athletic and cultural contributions to society.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 1, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4197)
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4196-4197)