

HJRES 51

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit the penalty of death for the rape of a child.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** May 7, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Jun 12, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-joint-resolution/51>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		May 7, 2009
Rep. Broun, Paul C. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 7, 2009
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Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		May 7, 2009
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		May 7, 2009
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 7, 2009
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 7, 2009
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 7, 2009
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 7, 2009
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 7, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 7, 2009)

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**Constitutional Amendment** - Provides that the death penalty for the rape of a child who has not attained the age of 12 years does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 7, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.