

SCONRES 54

A concurrent resolution recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. (Mar 19, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 15, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2010
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 18, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HCONRES 251	Related bill	Mar 11, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
111 HCONRES 252	Identical bill	Mar 11, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2010)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Recognizes the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, whose death on February 23, 2010, highlights the lack of democracy in Cuba and the injustice of the treatment of more than 200 political prisoners by the government of Cuba.

Calls for the release of all political prisoners in Cuba.

Pays tribute to the courageous citizens of Cuba who are suffering abuses for engaging in peaceful efforts to exercise their basic human rights.

Supports freedom of speech and the rights of journalists and bloggers in Cuba to express their views without government repression.

Calls on the United States to continue policies that focus on respect for the fundamental tenets of freedom, democracy, and human rights in Cuba and encourage peaceful democratic change consistent with the aspirations of the people of Cuba.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 19, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 19, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1755-1756)
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S1755-1756)
- **Mar 18, 2010:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S1755-1756)
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1368)
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1367-1368)