

SRES 559

A resolution observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 16, 2010
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2010

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HRES 546	Related bill	Jun 22, 2010: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 SRES 198	Identical bill	Jun 19, 2009: 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)
111 SRES 159	Related bill	May 21, 2009: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5876)

Summary (as of Jun 16, 2010)

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) the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part of the history and heritage of the United States; and (2) history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

Actions Timeline

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