

SJRES 45

A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate June 19 as "Juneteenth Independence Day".

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Jun 19, 2012

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 19, 2012)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/45>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 19, 2012
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 20, 2012
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 20, 2012
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 25, 2012
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 28, 2012
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 28, 2012
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 29, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2012
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 19, 2012
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 11, 2012
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 21, 2012
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 13, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 13, 2012
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 14, 2012
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 26, 2012
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 29, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 4, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2012)

Designates June 19 as an annual day of patriotic and national observance for Juneteenth Independence Day. (On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved African Americans were free.)

Requests that the President issue a proclamation each year calling on state and local governments and the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 19, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4304)
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.