

## HRES 727

### Public Access to Congressional Research Service Reports Resolution of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. (Jul 10, 2012)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

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## **Actions Timeline**

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