

## SRES 143

A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 16, 2013

**Current Status:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider

**Latest Action:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4619) (Jun 18, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-resolution/143>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 16, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 22, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 SRES 447	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2014:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4284-4285; text as passed Senate: CR S4284-4285)

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

Expresses concern about the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, May 3, 2013.

Commends journalists for their essential role in promoting government accountability, defending democratic activity, and strengthening civil society despite threats to their safety.

Pays tribute to the journalists who have lost their lives carrying out their work and calls on governments abroad to resolve all such cases.

Condemns all actions that suppress freedom of the press.

Reaffirms the centrality of freedom of the press to U.S. efforts to support democracy, mitigate conflict, and promote good governance.

Calls on the President and the Secretary of State to: (1) improve the means by which the United States identifies and responds to threats against freedom of the press, and (2) highlight the issue of threats against freedom of the press.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 18, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4619)
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- **May 22, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- **May 22, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 79.
- **May 21, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 16, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 16, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3581)