

## SRES 540

A resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2014

**Current Status:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.  
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**Latest Action:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.  
(consideration: CR S6306-6307; text as passed Senate: CR S6306-6307) (Dec 3, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-resolution/540>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 10, 2014
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 18, 2014
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 12, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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

Supports the goals of the International Day of Democracy.

Recognizes the importance of civil society to the healthy development of nations.

Reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the protection and advancement of democracy throughout the world.

Condemns the use of restrictions, coercion, threats, or force to impede the activities of civil society organizations.

Recognizes the important role diplomacy plays in defending global civil society and creating new openings for civic space.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 3, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6306-6307; text as passed Senate: CR S6306-6307)
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- **Sep 18, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 576.
- **Sep 10, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 10, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5511-5512)
- **Sep 10, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5511)