

## HRES 250

Expressing the need to eliminate life without parole for children.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Apr 5, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Apr 21, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-resolution/250>

### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 5, 2017)

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Applauds and celebrates the Supreme Court's decisions in *Roper v. Simmons*, *Graham v. Florida*, and *Miller v. Alabama* to strike down the death penalty, the use of life without parole sentences for non-homicide offenses, and the use of mandatory life without parole sentences for children in the United States.

Applauds the states of Texas, Nevada, Wyoming, Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Alaska, Hawaii, Delaware, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, West Virginia, California, Florida, Washington, and the District of Columbia for recent legislative changes that eliminated life without the possibility of release or parole sentences for children convicted of serious crimes.

Encourages other state legislatures to eliminate extreme sentences for children convicted of serious crimes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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