

SRES 179

A resolution recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States in promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2019.

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116 HRES 345	Related bill	Jul 15, 2019: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 1, 2019)

This resolution expresses concern about threats to freedom of the press and free expression around the world on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2019. It commends journalists and media workers for their role in promoting accountability, democratic activity, and civil society and reaffirms the centrality of freedom of the press to efforts of the U.S. government in supporting democracy.

Actions Timeline

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