

## SRES 637

A resolution expressing support for the staff of public, school, academic, and special libraries in the United States and the essential services those libraries provide to communities, recognizing the need for funding commensurate with the broad scope of social service and community supports provided by libraries, preserving the right of all citizens of the United States to freely access information and resources in their communities, supporting a strong union voice for library workers, and defending the civil rights of library staff.

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### Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 11, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Arts, Culture, Religion

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 11, 2024)

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This resolution commends the work of library staff in the United States and supports the goals and ideals of National Library Week.

The resolution also reaffirms (1) the fundamental right of the people of the United States to access information, and (2) certain fundamental and civil rights of library workers.

Further, the resolution recognizes the right of library staff to speak out on matters of public concern.

## Actions Timeline

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