

H.Res.517 - Slavery Remembrance Day

- This resolution, passed on July 27th supports the establishment of a Slavery Remembrance Day on August 20th each year.
 - Unlike 9/11, Pearl Harbor, and the Holocaust there is no Remembrance Day for Slavery.
 - August 20th was chosen to commemorate the day the first slave ship, the White Lion, arrived in the English-speaking American colonies at Point Comfort VA, near what is today called Norfolk.
 - Unlike Juneteenth, Slavery Remembrance Day is intended to be a day to commemorate the victims of slavery instead of celebrating its end.
- This resolution is endorsed by:
 - The National Action Network,
 - The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights,
 - Black Lives Matter of Houston,
 - The Anti-Defamation League,
- H.Res.517 – Slavery Remembrance Day:
 - Has 137 cosponsors,
 - Passed the House with 218 YEAs to 207 NAYs.