

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 231

To recognize persons dedicated to improving voter participation, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. WOFFORD (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas on June 21, 1964, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives at a young age in an effort to guarantee the rights that are the birthright of every citizen of the United States, particularly the right to vote;

Whereas James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were part of a movement that helped to achieve the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other milestones in the progress of this Nation toward achieving the goal of ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all;

Whereas during the 30 years after the deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, this Nation has benefited tremendously from the removal of many barriers to full participation by every citizen of this Nation in political, educational, and economic life;

Whereas the lives and deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner have come to symbolize the dream of brotherhood among citizens of this Nation from all races, religions, and ethnic backgrounds and serve to inspire all citizens—in particular young citizens—to be dedicated to the ideals of justice, equality citizenship, and community;

Whereas the lifework of these men and thousands of other young students who participated in the Freedom Summer remains unfinished until all barriers are removed that bar the full participation of every citizen of this Nation in the democratic process of this Nation, especially the electoral process; and

Whereas the Nation continues to need the leadership and involvement of all its citizens, in particular the young, in solving problems in their communities and improving the lives of those in need: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2               (1) June 21, 1994, is designated as Freedom  
3       Summer Day;

4               (2) the Senate expresses the importance of citi-  
5       zens—regardless of party, ideology, age, race, creed,  
6       and socioeconomic status—working to improve this  
7       Nation and address issues most critical to their com-  
8       munities;

1           (3) it is the sense of the Senate that the Voting  
2           Rights Act of 1965 has helped to fulfill the promise  
3           of democracy in this Nation; and

4           (4) the Senate reaffirms the goal of removing  
5           remaining barriers to full voter participation in this  
6           Nation.

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