

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. J. RES. 53

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Ms. BUSH, Ms. BASS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. TORRES of New York) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3       *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4       *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5       *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6       *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude may be  
5 imposed as a punishment for a crime.”.

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