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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to the 90th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 105, as amended, Strom-Martin. 90th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage.

This measure would proclaim October 10, 2001, as the 90th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The women of California won the right to vote
2 after a decade-long effort culminating on October 10, 1911, when
3 a majority of California men voted for political equality and passed
4 the women’s suffrage amendment to the California Constitution;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The struggle for political liberty was waged
7 without violence or animosity, speaking to California men from all
8 walks of life and finding support in all corners of the state; and

9 WHEREAS, California was only the sixth state in the nation to
10 approve political equality, approving women’s suffrage in
11 California nine years before the 19th Amendment to the United
12 States Constitution was ratified; and

13 WHEREAS, With little central organization, supporters
14 throughout the state worked in cooperation with each other,
15 dividing up the state and the responsibilities of the intensive
16 eight-month campaign to best utilize the abilities of all, winning
17 the support of editors, teachers, ministers, the Governor, the
18 Legislature, and finally a majority of the state’s male voters; and

19 WHEREAS, The innovative California campaign broke new
20 creative ground in promoting “Votes for Women” by
21 incorporating the latest in advertising and publicity techniques
22 including electric signs, automobile tours, giant billboards,
23 open-air speeches, leaflets in five languages, colorful citywide
24 displays, and countless other new means of outreach; and

25 WHEREAS, The enfranchisement of California women was
26 ensured by farmers, businessmen, and working men in small
27 towns, distant counties, and rural areas who responded to the call
28 to “Give Your Girl an Equal Chance With Your Boy” and who
29 overcame the opposition in the largest cities; and

30 WHEREAS, The women’s suffrage amendment, initially
31 thought to be defeated, triumphed after delayed returns from rural
32 areas swung the election in women’s favor, passing by less than 1
33 percent of the vote, 125,037 to 121,450, an average margin of one
34 in every voting precinct in the state; and

35 WHEREAS, The victory in California doubled the number of
36 women in the United States who could vote, offered new hope to
37 supporters throughout the nation, and for a time made San
38 Francisco the largest city in the country where women could vote;
39 and



1 WHEREAS, The intensive statewide campaign in small towns
2 and rural areas calling for “Justice for California Women” proved
3 to be an inspiration to supporters around the world and helped
4 encourage women’s suffrage in other states; and

5 WHEREAS, Women voters immediately used their new powers
6 responsibly and to the credit of the state, and formed civic leagues
7 and associations for the betterment of California; and

8 WHEREAS, This successful, historic effort by courageous and
9 resolute citizens of all races and origins dedicated to the ideal of
10 true democracy has nearly been forgotten and has for too long been
11 denied its rightful place in the history of our state and nation; now,
12 therefor, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes
15 October 10, 2001, as the 90th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage
16 in California and encourages all Californians to join in this
17 observance; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

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21 CORRECTIONS

22 **Heading — Line 12.**

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