

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 107

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 135

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 107—Relative to commemorative state seals.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 107, Hertzberg. Commemorative state seals.

This measure would authorize the continued existence of the Commemorative Seals Advisory Committee and require it to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication of 2 commemorative seals, one honoring Native Americans in California and the other honoring California's Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the landing of the upper steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the level below the Great Seal of California. This measure would notify the actions of the committee to date and authorize existing members of the committee to continue serving.

WHEREAS, For thousands of years, Native Americans have lived within the boundaries of present day California and Native American names dot the landscape of California; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first Californians, and Californians today should be educated about the enduring legacy of the Native American heritage of our state; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the continuing influence and contributions of Native Americans, the Legislature declares its intent to memorialize generations of Native Americans in California through a monument at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Spanish and Mexican era represents the colonial and the first frontier history of our great state, inasmuch as Spain brought European civilization to California, and Mexico administered California for nearly 25 years as its northernmost frontier; and

WHEREAS, Spanish names dot our landscape, and the pueblos, presidios, missions, and ranchos of Spain established the beginnings of California's political and institutional life; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish era in California dates from approximately 1769 to 1822, inclusive, and the Mexican era of California dates from 1822 to 1848, inclusive, and Californians should be educated about the enduring legacy of the Spanish and Mexican heritage of our state; and



WHEREAS, In recognition of the relationship between Spain and Mexico and California, the Legislature declares its intent to memorialize the Spanish and Mexican era of California through a monument at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature, through Assembly Concurrent Resolution 57 (Resolution Chapter 104 of the Statutes of 1999) created the 13-member Commemorative Seals Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication of two commemorative seals, one honoring Native Americans in California and the other honoring California's Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the landing of the upper steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the level below the Great Seal of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Commemorative Seals Advisory Committee be extended indefinitely and that existing members of the committee be authorized to continue serving; and be it further

Resolved, That the actions of the committee to date be ratified; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee shall make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and dedication of two bronze commemorative seals, one honoring Native Americans in California, and the other honoring California's Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the steps on the west side of the State Capitol; and be it further

Resolved, That each of the seals be smaller than the Great Seal of California that is located on the landing of the upper steps on the west side of the State Capitol and that each seal be installed on the landing of the steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the level below the Great Seal of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of General Services, and the author for appropriate distribution.

