
Introduced by Senator Burton

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to a sister state relationship with Gujarat State, India.

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SCR 4, as introduced, Burton. Sister state relationship: Gujarat State, India.

This measure would, on behalf of the people of California, extend an invitation to the people of the Gujarat State, India, to join with California in a sister state relationship in order to encourage and facilitate mutually beneficial social, economic, educational, and cultural exchanges that would lead to an indelible and lasting relationship between the residents of California and Gujarat State, India.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, India is one of the world's largest and most vibrant
2 democratic market and is recognized globally as the market of the
3 future; and
4 WHEREAS, Gujarat State has emerged as a leading
5 industrialized state with the largest population among the other
6 regional states in India, offering a highly trained, peaceful, and
7 productive workforce, an excellent road network linking all
8 regions of the state, an efficient rail network connecting all
9 important centers in the state, the highest number of airports (10)
10 in the state, and three stock exchanges (the largest number in any
11 one state); and

1 WHEREAS, Gujarat State was the first state to establish an
2 International Trade Promotion Council at the state level for
3 promotion of exports and has formulated and announced a
4 comprehensive Industrial Policy titled “Gujarat 2000 AD &
5 Beyond” that sets futuristic directions for development, such as
6 increasing overall flow of investment in the industrial sector,
7 creating large scale employment opportunities, accelerating the
8 pace of development of infrastructure and human resources,
9 achieving sustainable development, and encouraging
10 entrepreneurship. Further, the state government has also
11 announced sectoral policies in the following areas: infotech,
12 tourism, power, ports, and roads; and

13 WHEREAS, Gujarat State is the largest producer of cotton and
14 groundnut and stands second in production of tobacco in the
15 country; the state is a major producer of inorganic chemicals and
16 boasts the largest petro chemical complex in the country; the state
17 is also richly endowed with essential mineral resources and ranks
18 fourth in overall mining of minerals in India; and

19 WHEREAS, Gujarat State has the longest coastline (1,600
20 kilometers) among all states in India with two gulfs and dotted
21 with 41 ports (1 major, 11 intermediate, and 29 minor), making it
22 a natural gateway to international markets. The marine resources
23 are an untapped source of wealth in the Gujarat State; the state
24 produces over 70 percent of the salt in India and accounts for 30
25 percent of India’s potential fish and prawn culture; and

26 WHEREAS, Much like the State of California, Gujarat State is
27 a prestigious center of higher learning, containing the highest
28 number of quality educational, professional, and vocational
29 training institutions in India; and

30 WHEREAS, Both California and Gujarat State have ethnically
31 diverse populations and are concerned with peaceful coexistence
32 of the many cultures within their borders; and

33 WHEREAS, Gujarat State is inextricably linked with the life of
34 the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi, as he was born there and
35 spent his early years there; and

36 WHEREAS, A sister state relationship would promote mutual
37 trade and commerce, and increase the potential for educational,
38 environmental, and cultural relations between Gujarat State and
39 the State of California; now, therefore, be it



1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California,
3 on behalf of the people of California, extends to the people of the
4 Gujarat State an invitation to join with California in a sister state
5 relationship in order to encourage and facilitate mutually
6 beneficial economic, educational, environmental, and cultural
7 exchanges and to lead to a more indelible and lasting relationship
8 between Californians and the citizens of the Gujarat State of India;
9 and be it further

10 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the Consul General of India, the Indo-American
12 Trade and Commerce Council, the Government of Gujarat State,
13 India, to the Governor of California, and each Senator and
14 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
15 States.

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