

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 50**

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Adopted in Senate August 26, 2002

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Adopted in Assembly August 21, 2002

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*



## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Joint Resolution No. 50—Relative to the bicentennial anniversary of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 50, Brulte. Bicentennial anniversary of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

This measure would respectfully request the United States Congress to recognize the 200th anniversary of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

WHEREAS, This year the United States Military Academy at West Point celebrates 200 years of providing leaders of character for our Army and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed into law a bill of the United States Congress authorizing the establishment of “a military academy to be located at West Point in the State of New York”; and

WHEREAS, West Point was originally created as an academic institution devoted to the arts and sciences of warfare, and later emphasizing engineering to serve the needs of the nation and to eliminate the country’s reliance on foreign engineers and artilleryists; and

WHEREAS, West Point graduates were responsible for the construction of many of the nation’s initial railway lines, bridges, harbors, and roads that were the vital infrastructure of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, The list of graduates representing the Long Gray Line is distinguished and includes two American Presidents, Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, West Point graduates have led or nation’s Armed Forces from the birth of our nation to the present, many of them giving their lives as the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Ulysses S. Grant, who led the Union Army in the Civil War, General Robert E. Lee, leader of Confederate troops, graduated from the United States Military Academy; and



WHEREAS, Other graduates with notable military careers include Generals Philip Sheridan, William T. Sherman, George S. Patton, Douglas MacArthur, and H. Norman Schwarzkopf; and

WHEREAS, West Point graduates have distinguished themselves in countless ways, from Olympic glory to receiving the Heisman Trophy, from receiving scores of Rhodes Scholarships to serving as some of the nation's pioneering astronauts; and

WHEREAS, The academy is preparing for its third century of service to our nation, a future in which fighting and winning our nation's wars remains the Army's primary focus; and

WHEREAS, The academy must also prepare officers for peacekeeping duties as part of an ever complex world; and

WHEREAS, The academy remains today an energetic, vibrant institution that attracts some of the nation's best and brightest young men and women who, in the next 200 years of service to this nation, will face challenges different from those that have gone before them to make up the storied Long Gray Line; and

WHEREAS, The academy continues its lasting commitment to its motto of duty, honor, and country; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes that the United States Military Academy at West Point is a living testament to the accomplishments of the United States throughout its history; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of the State of California honors the United States Military Academy at West Point and its graduates as they move forward into the academy's third century of service to the nation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully requests the United States Congress to recognize the 200th anniversary of the United States Military Academy; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

