

House Resolution

No. 81

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

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House Resolution No. 81—Relative to commending the Honorable Patricia C. Bates.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable Patricia C. Bates with
2 the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following six
3 years of exemplary service, and it is appropriate at this time to
4 highlight the many achievements of her illustrious tenure and to
5 extend to her the highest commendations of the people of the state;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Patricia Bates was first elected
8 to the California State Assembly in 1998 as representative of the
9 73rd District, which includes parts of South Orange County and
10 North San Diego County; and

11 WHEREAS, She serves as Chairwoman of the Republican
12 Women’s Caucus and as a member of the Appropriations, Budget,
13 Judiciary, and Transportation committees, and she was appointed
14 to the Select Committee on Small Business; and

15 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Bates began her career as a
16 Social Caseworker in South Central Los Angeles and served as a
17 supervisor and a Deputy Director in the Aged, Blind and Disabled
18 categorical aid programs for the Los Angeles Department of
19 Social Services; and

20 WHEREAS, Her political career sprang from her service as the
21 driving force behind the “Citizens for Cityhood” committee

1 which organized the incorporation of the City of Laguna Niguel;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Patricia Bates distinguished herself as Laguna
4 Niguel’s first mayor upon incorporation in 1989 and she served
5 four terms in that office and continued her service on the City
6 Council until her election to the California State Assembly in
7 1998; and

8 WHEREAS, A fierce advocate for California, Patricia Bates has
9 committed her career to serving women, small business, seniors,
10 children, and local government, and to protecting the future
11 quality of life for all Californians; and

12 WHEREAS, Working across party lines, Patricia Bates has
13 done much to make communities more safe and livable, and her
14 legislative accomplishments include measures that require sex
15 offenders to register with campus police when they enroll or work
16 at a college campus, provide greater protections against child
17 abduction and domestic violence, and call for fair and reasonable
18 rulemaking in homeowner associations; and

19 WHEREAS, Additionally, Patricia Bates has tirelessly
20 championed granting public institutions of higher education the
21 authority to authorize and oversee new charter schools,
22 toughening penalties for the sale and use of the club drug ecstasy,
23 and expanding criminal background checks of in-home caregivers
24 to better protect senior citizens and the disabled; and

25 WHEREAS, From her early days as a social worker to her
26 current fight for small business issues, Patricia Bates has remained
27 a strong voice for both businesses and families in California; and

28 WHEREAS, In recent years, Patricia Bates has been named
29 “Legislator of the Year” by a range of organizations, including the
30 Republican Party of Orange County, Orange County Division of
31 the League of Cities, BIOCOM trade association for the life
32 sciences industry, California Campus Police Chiefs’ Association,
33 Crime Victims United, and Orange County Republican Women
34 Federated; and

35 WHEREAS, In addition, she has been nominated as “Legislator
36 of the Year” by other organizations, such as the California Small
37 Business Association, and has topped report cards issued by the
38 California Chamber of Commerce, and she has been featured as
39 one of San Diego’s “Women Who Mean Business”; recently,
40 Patricia Bates was honored with the “Spotlight Award” by the



1 Regional Center of Orange County for her dedication to the
2 disabled community; and

3 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Southern California, Patricia
4 Bates is married to architect John Bates, and they are the proud
5 parents of two adult children, Jason and J’Amy; and

6 WHEREAS, Through her public service activities, Patricia
7 Bates has made a significant impact on the people of the 73rd
8 Assembly District and throughout the state, and she will be greatly
9 missed by those individuals with whom she has been associated;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
12 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their
13 colleague, the Honorable Patricia C. Bates, for her outstanding
14 record of dedicated service to her constituents and to all of the
15 people of California, and convey to her best wishes for every
16 success in her future endeavors.

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