

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 25

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25— Relative to Rotary International Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 25, as introduced, Benoit. Rotary International Day.

This measure would proclaim February 23, 2005, as Rotary International Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23,
2 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first, and one of the
3 largest, nonprofit service organizations; and
4 WHEREAS, There are over 1.2 million Rotary club members
5 consisting of professional and business leaders in over 31,000
6 clubs in more than 165 countries; and
7 WHEREAS, The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires
8 members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical
9 standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and
10 WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors
11 volunteers with community expertise to provide medical
12 supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training,

1 and education to millions in need, particularly in developing
2 countries; and

3 WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched Polio Plus and
4 spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, the
5 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
6 UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since
9 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the
10 disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Rotary is the world’s largest privately funded
12 source of international scholarships, and promotes international
13 understanding through those scholarships, as well as exchange
14 programs and humanitarian grants; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 35,000 students from 110 countries
16 have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial
17 Scholars; and

18 WHEREAS, Rotary’s Group Study Exchange program has
19 helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career
20 fields in other countries; and

21 WHEREAS, Eight thousand secondary-school students each
22 year experience life in another country through Rotary’s Youth
23 Exchange Program; and

24 WHEREAS, There are 38,672 Rotary club members in 738
25 clubs throughout California sponsoring service projects to
26 address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy,
27 and the environment in their local communities, and abroad;
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
31 hereby proclaims February 23, 2005, as Rotary International Day
32 in California, and encourages all residents of the state to join it in
33 recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of service to
34 improving the human condition in communities around the
35 world; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
37 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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