

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 85

Introduced by Assembly Member Leno

August 16, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

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ACR 85, as introduced, Leno. Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2005, as Court Adoption and Permanency Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Each year in California, there are more than
2 490,000 reports of child abuse and neglect and approximately
3 27,000 children enter foster care; and

4 WHEREAS, Almost 85,000 children in California are living
5 apart from their families in out-of-home care; and

6 WHEREAS, Thirty-four percent of the children in foster care
7 in California have been away from their families in out-of-home
8 care for four or more years; and

9 WHEREAS, Of the more than 35,000 children exiting foster
10 care between January and December 2004, 52 percent reunited
11 with their families and 20 percent were adopted; and

12 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council is committed to working
13 with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and
14 communities to bring about permanency for children who have
15 been abused and neglected; and

1 WHEREAS, Local courts and communities throughout
2 California have created programs promoting adoption and
3 permanency that have resulted in a decrease in the number of
4 children waiting for permanent, safe homes; and

5 WHEREAS, The Assembly and Senate are committed to
6 working together to improve outcomes for children in the child
7 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That November 2005, is hereby proclaimed
10 to be Court Adoption and Permanency Month, in which the
11 courts and their local communities are encouraged to join
12 together in activities to expedite permanency; and be it further

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