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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to Tall Ships  
Festival 2008.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 96, as amended, Saldana. Tall Ships Festival 2008.

This measure would congratulate the host ports and related nonprofit organizers for their efforts relative to hosting the Tall Ships Festival 2008. The measure would invite the tall ships of the world; to the event, and to continue to visit California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1976, numerous tall ships from  
2 around the world were invited to participate in the celebration of  
3 our country's Bicentennial in tall ships festivals along the eastern  
4 seaboard, and added greatly to the Bicentennial celebration; and  
5 WHEREAS, In 1986, 22 international tall ships prominently  
6 participated in the Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration; and  
7 WHEREAS, In 1992, numerous tall ships from around the  
8 world sailed in the Columbus Quincentennial commemorating  
9 the 500-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the New  
10 World; and  
11 WHEREAS, The eastern seaboard has regularly hosted  
12 international tall ships festivals in the last 30 years, resulting in  
13 increased historical appreciation of the maritime contributions to  
14 our country and stimulation of local economies of the major ports  
15 where the festivals are held; and  
16 WHEREAS, In 1999, during California's Sesquicentennial  
17 celebration, tall ships from maritime nations around the world  
18 visited the California ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and  
19 San Diego to participate in the Tall Ships Challenge and Festival  
20 of Sail; and  
21 WHEREAS, Beginning with California's Sesquicentennial in  
22 1999, tall ships from the navies of many countries including the  
23 Esmeralda (Chile), Gloria (Colombia), Guayas (Ecuador),  
24 Amerigo Vespucci (Italy), Kaiwo Maru II (Japan), Nippon Maru  
25 (Japan), Cuauhtemoc (Mexico), Europa (The Netherlands), Juan  
26 Sebastián de Elcano (Spain), Batkishvna (Ukraine), and the  
27 USCG Eagle (United States) have visited California's ports; and  
28 WHEREAS, These ~~foreign~~ tall ships were joined in the  
29 celebrations by other nongovernmental foreign tall ships, as well  
30 as tall ships from California and other states; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 1999, the California ports of San Francisco,  
2 Los Angeles, and San Diego have hosted two other gatherings of  
3 tall ships from around the world in 2002 and 2005, that  
4 commemorated and celebrated this state’s rich maritime heritage  
5 and the maritime culture shared by all nations bordering the  
6 world’s oceans; and

7 WHEREAS, These tall ships serve as floating educational  
8 institutions and as ambassadors of good will for their nations;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, These visits strengthen the bonds of friendship  
11 between California and the nations of visiting ships; and

12 WHEREAS, These tall ships events bring people from diverse  
13 nations and cultures together with visiting sailors from across the  
14 ocean in a shared sense of excitement that is truly unique in  
15 joining appreciation for maritime history and traditions in  
16 celebrations that are an extraordinary cross-cultural experience;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, These events have served to bring tall ships and  
19 young sailors from North America and around the world to the  
20 shores and harbors of the United States each year in friendly  
21 international competition and in celebration of the enduring  
22 values of teamwork, adventure, and courage that built a great  
23 society in North America; and

24 WHEREAS, The visits of these tall ships increased  
25 California’s citizens’, especially students, appreciation for  
26 California’s rich maritime history and traditions dating back to  
27 the earliest days of its recorded history; and

28 WHEREAS, These visits received widespread national and  
29 international media coverage and boosted California’s status as a  
30 worldwide, international, economic power; and

31 WHEREAS, These visits assisted the economies of the ports  
32 by drawing large crowds to visit the tall ships, with average  
33 attendance at each port between 300,000 and 500,000 visitors;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, California has seen an increase in foreign tall  
36 ship visits as a result of the efforts of the sponsors of these  
37 events, California port cities, the State Coastal Conservancy, and  
38 the Legislature; and

39 WHEREAS, The San Diego Maritime Museum ~~and~~, the Los  
40 Angeles Maritime Institute, *and the San Francisco host*

1 *committee* have joined together to host a tall ships event once  
2 again in 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2008, the great historic California ports cities  
4 of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego will again serve as  
5 hosts to these gatherings of tall ships that evoke the history of  
6 California in the climactic phase of the heroic age of sail; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 *Resolved*, by the Assembly of the State of California, the  
9 Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of  
10 California commends the Ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles,  
11 and San Diego for hosting these tall ships events; and be it  
12 further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
14 congratulates the nonprofit organizers of the host ports, namely,  
15 the San Diego Maritime Museum, the Los Angeles Maritime  
16 Institute, and the San Francisco host committee on their efforts to  
17 provide a warm California welcome to the tall ships of the Tall  
18 Ships Festival 2008, and for their commitment to the important  
19 work carried on by those tall ships; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
21 commends the State Coastal Conservancy for its steadfast  
22 encouragement and financial support for these tall ships events as  
23 part of its charter; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California invites  
25 the tall ships of the world to participate in the Tall Ships Festival  
26 2008, especially the tall ships of the navies of Argentina,  
27 Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Italy, Japan,  
28 Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden,  
29 United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela, and that they continue to  
30 visit California for the mutual benefits derived from these visits;  
31 and be it further

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

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