

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 69

Introduced by Senator Morrow

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to the California Surf Museum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 69, as amended, Morrow. California Surf Museum.

This measure would recognize the California Surf Museum in Oceanside, California as the official museum of surfing history, art, culture, heritage, and memorabilia for the ~~state~~ *State* of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum, which is located in
2 the City of Oceanside, presents a varied picture of the many
3 facets of surfing, and until the California Surf Museum opened,
4 very little had been done in an organized way to preserve the
5 history of surfing, its boards, or its fascinating artifacts; and

6 WHEREAS, At a time when the historical roots of many beach
7 communities are rapidly changing or disappearing, the California
8 Surf Museum is rising to the challenge by providing a strong link
9 between the ocean, the many ocean sports, and the lifestyles of
10 the community; and

11 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum serves as an
12 international repository and resource center on the lifestyle sport
13 of surfing through capturing, preserving, and chronicling its art,
14 culture, and heritage for the education and enjoyment of future
15 generations; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum has been actively
2 locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historic surfing
3 and surfing-related artifacts and memorabilia for nearly 20 years,
4 and presents that information to the public through a highly
5 researched series of rotating exhibits, and makes that data readily
6 available to all who inquire; and

7 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum has photographs,
8 surfboards, and blueprints of classic surfboard shapes, and has in
9 its permanent collection the earliest documented surfboard in
10 California, other vintage classics from solid wood to fiberglass,
11 to the most modern state-of-the-art surfboards of today and
12 related paraphernalia; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum has received
14 consistent support from the City of Oceanside since its arrival in
15 1991, serves as an important anchor for the city's rapidly
16 revitalizing central business district, logs in more than 20,000
17 visitors per year in a classic California surf city that is home to a
18 healthy 30-million dollar-plus surf industry, and hosts numerous
19 highly rated surfing competitions throughout the year; and

20 WHEREAS, The goals of the California Surf Museum include
21 securing a permanent seaside location which will enhance the
22 museum's objectives of serving as an attractive, accessible visitor
23 destination, developing interactive displays which capture and
24 portray surfing as a lifestyle, highlighting surfing's pioneering
25 legends and their equipment, art and music, and providing the
26 casual visitor, serious student, research fellow, and veteran surfer
27 with an equally rewarding entertainment and educational
28 experience; and

29 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum is listed in hundreds
30 of national and international travel guides throughout the world,
31 recognition which is reflected in the signatures that grace the
32 pages of the museum's guestbook, and has a prominent entry in
33 the renowned Encyclopedia of Surfing; and

34 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum has, over its 20-year
35 history, partnered with numerous state, city, and private agencies,
36 including the recent exhibit at the State Fair in Sacramento to the
37 upcoming display at the San Diego Maritime Museum, assisting
38 with displays at colleges and universities, hotel lobbies, historical
39 societies, and traveling exhibits, and coordinating efforts with
40 subjects ranging from life-guarding to skateboarding to classic

1 automobiles, clothing, and other related aspects of pop culture;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The California Surf Museum continues to attract
4 sustained support from community, industry, and individual
5 sources in order to create and maintain a professionally managed,
6 fiscally sound organization that is respected by its community
7 ~~and within the nonprofit sector; now, therefore, be it~~

8 ~~Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly~~
9 ~~thereof concurring, That the California Surf Museum is hereby~~
10 ~~and within the nonprofit sector; and~~

11 *WHEREAS, California's surfing history is deeply interwoven*
12 *in the fabric of our rich and vibrant culture, and is reflected by*
13 *the many surfing museums located along its coastal shoreline*
14 *that cumulatively contribute to the invaluable preservation and*
15 *restoration of surfing memorabilia and artifacts and promote*
16 *California's heritage; now, therefore, be it*

17 *RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF*
18 *CALIFORNIA, THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF CONCURRING,*
19 *That the California Surf Museum is hereby recognized as the*
20 *official museum of surfing history, art, culture, heritage, and*
21 *memorabilia for the State of California; and be it further*

22 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
23 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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