

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 70

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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This measure would proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2006, inclusive, as California Hispanic Heritage Month and would encourage all Californians to observe this event in communities throughout the state.

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed and designated the week that included September 15 and 16 in 1968, as National Hispanic Heritage Week, as a result of a Joint Resolution approved by Congress on September 17, 1968, in recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture and history; and

WHEREAS, The original weeklong commemoration was changed by Public Law No. 100-402, which took effect on January 1, 1989, to National Hispanic Heritage Month that is to include the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of National Hispanic Heritage Month are to create a greater awareness of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture, to illustrate the diversity of the Hispanic American community, and to encourage a greater curiosity within young people about the rich history and cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic influence is evident in American culture in, among other things, music, art, science, food, humanities, and business and trade; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans from the time of the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism subsequent to September 11, 2001, have proudly served this country in the Armed Forces, and, during their course of service, 38 Hispanic Americans, including nine from California have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest honor conferred for military bravery and heroism above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, There are nearly 11 million Hispanic Americans in California; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the development and success of California by playing major roles in building this state through agriculture, medicine, science, entertainment, business, education, civil rights, politics, and sports; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims September 15 to October 15, 2006, inclusive, as California Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all Californians to observe this event in communities throughout the state; and be it further

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