

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 61

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to San Jose State University's 2007 sesquicentennial anniversary celebration.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 34, Alquist. San Jose State University: sesquicentennial anniversary celebration.

This measure would designate Monday, April 30, 2007, as a day to honor San Jose State University in the Legislature for the 150th anniversary of its founding.

WHEREAS, The year 2007 commemorates the sesquicentennial year that San Jose State University was first established in 1857 as Minns' Evening Normal School to train teachers for the growing population of California; and

WHEREAS, The success of Minns' Evening Normal School in San Francisco led to the establishment of the California State Normal School by action of the Legislature on May 2, 1862, beginning a new era for education in the state and the first statewide teacher training program; and

WHEREAS, From its beginnings as the oldest public four-year institution of higher education in California, San Jose State University has matured into a comprehensive university, offering bachelors and masters degrees in 134 programs; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University is the flagship school of the California State University system, which uses the 1857 founding date as part of its own heritage, as noted on its official seal; and

WHEREAS, California State University is the largest public system of higher learning in the United States and recognized for its long-term commitment to affordable, accessible, and quality education; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University is the surrounding region's largest university and the third largest public sector employer with 30,000 students and 4,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University-related spending in the San Francisco Bay area is an estimated four hundred seventy-nine million dollars (\$479,000,000), generating a total impact of eight hundred twenty-nine million dollars (\$829,000,000) on the region's economy, sustaining 11,000 jobs and generating forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) annually in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University has contributed to the rich economic life and culture of California by providing up to 7,000 graduates to the workforce each year; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University has a prized tradition of enriching the lives of its students by providing them with the knowledge and skills to serve society; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University ranks in the top 35 among the 100 colleges and universities leading the nation in graduating Latino students and is a recognized leader in graduating minority students; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University's faculty contribute to the quality of life in the state by their engagement in scholarship, research, technological innovation, community service, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, San Jose State University actively partners with educational institutions, industries, and communities to enhance the quality of education, research development, and community service in California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature takes great pleasure in honoring San Jose State University for its 150 years of commitment to public higher education on this day, April 30, 2007; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of San Jose State University and to the author for appropriate distribution.