

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 27

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 18, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 27, as introduced, Mendoza. Cinco de Mayo Week.

This measure would proclaim May 2 through May 9, 2011, as Cinco de Mayo Week, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is
2 memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and
3 Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who
4 defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de
5 Puebla”; and

6 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the
7 foundation of any nation and our state is in its people, in their spirit
8 and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive
9 to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice
10 even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

11 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on
12 the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at
13 Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here
14 in California; and

1 WHEREAS, Achievements by Latinos in America and California
2 include contributions to all facets of our community; and

3 WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record
4 numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public
5 officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and issues
6 ranging from affordable housing, investing in our children, ensuring
7 that higher education is affordable and accessible, creating good
8 paying jobs for working families, and improving the overall quality
9 of life for all Californians; and

10 WHEREAS, California's Latinos have contributed to our culture
11 and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance,
12 poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and across a
13 broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize
15 and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and
16 dedication to California and the United States' economy and
17 cultural life with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients
18 are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the
19 wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment
20 of California, the United States, and the world; and

21 WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers
22 of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working
23 conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

24 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the
25 fastest growing group of business owners in our economy; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
29 join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day to honor the
30 valiant spirit of the brave Mexicanos who defended the town of
31 Puebla against the French invaders, to honor the Mexican
32 Americans of today who have fought, died, and lived to protect
33 the freedom of the United States; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares May 2 through May 9,
35 2011, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

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

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