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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 27

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 27, as amended, 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

1 defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de
2 Puebla”; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record
15 numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public
16 officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and issues
17 ranging from affordable housing, investing in our children, ensuring
18 that higher education is affordable and accessible, creating good
19 paying jobs for working families, and improving the overall quality
20 of life for all Californians; and

21 WHEREAS, California’s Latinos have contributed to our culture
22 and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance,
23 poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and across a
24 broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize
26 and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and
27 dedication to California and the United States’ economy and
28 cultural life with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients
29 are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the
30 wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment
31 of California, the United States, and the world; and

32 WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers
33 of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working
34 conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

35 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the
36 fastest growing group of business owners in our economy; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
40 join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day to honor the

1 valiant spirit of the brave Mexicanos who defended the town of
2 Puebla against the French invaders, to honor the Mexican
3 Americans of today who have fought, died, and lived to protect
4 the freedom of the United States; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares May 2 through May 9,
6 2011, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

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

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