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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 52

Introduced by Assembly Members Block and Lara
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the California State University system.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 52, as amended, Block. California State University: 50th anniversary.

This measure would ~~state the Legislature's support of~~ *congratulate* the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary ~~and commends~~, *commend* the invaluable contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of its students, and ~~extends~~ *extend* best wishes for its continued success in the future.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The California State University system will
- 2 celebrate its 50th anniversary during 2010 and 2011, and, upon
- 3 this occasion, it is deserving of special public commendations; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The California State Colleges was established as
- 5 a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960, and in
- 6 1972, the system became known as the California State University
- 7 and Colleges; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1982, the system became the California State
2 University (CSU), and today, the 23 campuses of the CSU include
3 comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995,
4 the California Maritime Academy, a specialized campus; and

5 WHEREAS, The system's oldest campus, San Jose State
6 University, was founded in 1857 and became the first institution
7 of public higher education in California, and today, the CSU is the
8 nation's largest and most diverse university system, with 23
9 campuses and seven off-campus centers, nearly ~~433,000~~ 412,000
10 students, and ~~44,000~~ 43,000 faculty and staff; and

11 WHEREAS, The CSU draws its students from the top third of
12 California's high school graduates, many of whom live within the
13 local service area of the campus, and is the state's primary
14 undergraduate teaching institution; and

15 WHEREAS, Each CSU campus—California State University,
16 Bakersfield; California State University, Channel Islands (the
17 system's newest campus); California State University, Chico;
18 California State University, Dominguez Hills; California State
19 University, East Bay; California State University, Fresno;
20 California State University, Fullerton; Humboldt State University;
21 California State University, Long Beach; California State
22 University, Los Angeles; California Maritime Academy; California
23 State University, Monterey Bay; California State University,
24 Northridge; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona;
25 California State University, Sacramento; California State
26 University, San Bernardino; San Diego State University; San
27 Francisco State University; San Jose State University; California
28 Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State
29 University, San Marcos; Sonoma State University; and California
30 State University, Stanislaus—has its own identity, but all *campuses*
31 share the same mission of providing high-quality, affordable higher
32 education to meet the changing workforce needs of California;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, With 90,000 annual graduates, the CSU is
35 California's greatest producer of baccalaureate degrees and drives
36 California's economy in information technology, life sciences,
37 agriculture, business, education, international trade, public
38 administration, hospitality, engineering, entertainment, and
39 multimedia industries; and

1 WHEREAS, The CSU reaches out to California’s growing,
2 underserved communities, granting more undergraduate degrees
3 to California’s Latino, African American, and Native American
4 students than any other state public university system and offers
5 affordable opportunities to pursue and attain a college degree; and

6 WHEREAS, The CSU is noted for pioneering outreach efforts,
7 including the creation of the Early Assessment Program (which
8 enables 11th grade ~~students~~ *pupils* to assess their college readiness
9 in English and math) and the Educational Opportunity Program
10 (an access and retention program that supports low-income,
11 educationally disadvantaged students, many of whom are
12 first-generation college students); and

13 WHEREAS, The CSU distributes millions of “How to Get to
14 College” posters in multiple languages, hosting Super Sunday
15 events at churches throughout the state as part of its African
16 American initiative; partners with the Parent Institute for Quality
17 Education, which helps strengthen parent involvement in
18 elementary and middle school ~~students~~ *pupils*’ education; and
19 actively engages in the state’s Troops to College efforts on behalf
20 of veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, The CSU offers more than ~~1,800~~ *2,000*
22 baccalaureate and masters degree programs in some ~~240~~ *357*
23 subject areas, as well as teaching credential programs and its own
24 independent education doctorate program, and since 1961, the
25 CSU has awarded nearly 2,500,000 baccalaureate, masters, and
26 joint doctoral degrees; and

27 WHEREAS, CSU faculty members are renowned for their
28 teaching skills, as well as their significant contributions to research,
29 and CSU staff and administrators provide the vital infrastructure
30 to fulfill the CSU mission and, together, faculty and staff have
31 made the CSU a leader in high-quality, accessible, *and*
32 student-focused higher education; and

33 WHEREAS, CSU students participate in 32,000,000 hours of
34 community service annually at more than 3,560 community sites,
35 including tutoring children and adults in English as a second
36 language, working in hospitals and community health clinics,
37 teaching computer literacy, cleaning up rivers and beaches, serving
38 meals to the homeless, and building houses; and

39 WHEREAS, The CSU returns ~~\$4.41~~ *\$5.43* for every \$1 the state
40 invests and sustains more than ~~200,000~~ *150,000* jobs in the state,

1 CSU-related expenditures create ~~\$13,600,000,000~~ *\$17,000,000,000*
2 in economic activity, CSU students represent one in 10 members
3 of California's workforce and the majority of the state's teachers,
4 and the CSU has more than 2,000,000 alumni; and

5 WHEREAS, The Chancellor and the Trustees of the CSU have
6 led the CSU during extremely difficult economic times that have
7 caused the CSU to cut admission rates and raise costs, as they have
8 launched initiatives to increase the system's graduation rates and
9 help underrepresented students complete college; and

10 WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping foster improvement in the
11 educational, economic, and cultural life in California, the CSU is
12 developing not only college graduates, but responsible citizens
13 and leaders for California and the nation; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature takes great pride in
16 congratulating the California State University system on the
17 occasion of its 50th anniversary, commends the invaluable
18 contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of
19 its students, and extends best wishes for its continued success in
20 the future; and be it further

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