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No. 52

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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 congratulate the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, commend the invaluable

contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of its students, and 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

8 WHEREAS, In 1982, the system became the California State
9 University (CSU), and today, the 23 campuses of the CSU include
10 comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995,
11 the California Maritime Academy, a specialized campus; and

12 WHEREAS, The system's oldest campus, San Jose State
13 University, was founded in 1857 and became the first institution
14 of public higher education in California, and today, the CSU is the
15 nation's largest and most diverse university system, with 23
16 campuses and seven off-campus centers, nearly 412,000 students,
17 and 43,000 faculty and staff; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Each CSU campus—California State University,
23 Bakersfield; California State University, Channel Islands (the
24 system's newest campus); California State University, Chico;
25 California State University, Dominguez Hills; California State
26 University, East Bay; California State University, Fresno;
27 California State University, Fullerton; Humboldt State University;
28 California State University, Long Beach; California State
29 University, Los Angeles; California Maritime Academy; California
30 State University, Monterey Bay; California State University,
31 Northridge; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona;
32 California State University, Sacramento; California State
33 University, San Bernardino; San Diego State University; San
34 Francisco State University; San Jose State University; California
35 Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State
36 University, San Marcos; Sonoma State University; and California

1 State University, Stanislaus—has its own identity, but all campuses
2 share the same mission of providing high-quality, affordable higher
3 education to meet the changing workforce needs of California;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, With 90,000 annual graduates, the CSU is
6 California’s greatest producer of baccalaureate degrees and drives
7 California’s economy in information technology, life sciences,
8 agriculture, business, education, international trade, public
9 administration, hospitality, engineering, entertainment, and
10 multimedia industries; and

11 WHEREAS, The CSU reaches out to California’s growing,
12 underserved communities, granting more undergraduate degrees
13 to California’s Latino, African American, and Native American
14 students than any other state public university system and offers
15 affordable opportunities to pursue and attain a college degree; and

16 WHEREAS, The CSU is noted for pioneering outreach efforts,
17 including the creation of the Early Assessment Program (which
18 enables 11th grade pupils to assess their college readiness in
19 English and math) and the Educational Opportunity Program (an
20 access and retention program that supports low-income,
21 educationally disadvantaged students, many of whom are
22 first-generation college students); and

23 WHEREAS, The CSU distributes millions of “How to Get to
24 College” posters in multiple languages, hosting Super Sunday
25 events at churches throughout the state as part of its African
26 American initiative; partners with the Parent Institute for Quality
27 Education, which helps strengthen parent involvement in
28 elementary and middle school pupils’ education; and actively
29 engages in the state’s Troops to College efforts on behalf of
30 veterans; and

31 WHEREAS, The CSU offers more than 2,000 baccalaureate and
32 masters degree programs in some 357 subject areas, as well as
33 teaching credential programs and its own independent education
34 doctorate program, and since 1961, the CSU has awarded nearly
35 2,500,000 baccalaureate, masters, and joint doctoral degrees; and

36 WHEREAS, CSU faculty members are renowned for their
37 teaching skills, as well as their significant contributions to research,
38 and CSU staff and administrators provide the vital infrastructure
39 to fulfill the CSU mission and, together, faculty and staff have

1 made the CSU a leader in high-quality, accessible, and
2 student-focused higher education; and

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

9 WHEREAS, The CSU returns \$5.43 for every \$1 the state
10 invests and sustains more than 150,000 jobs in the state,
11 CSU-related expenditures create \$17,000,000,000 in economic
12 activity, CSU students represent one in 10 members of California's
13 workforce and the majority of the state's teachers, and the CSU
14 has more than 2,000,000 alumni; and

15 WHEREAS, The Chancellor and the Trustees of the CSU have
16 led the CSU during extremely difficult economic times that have
17 caused the CSU to cut admission rates and raise costs, as they have
18 launched initiatives to increase the system's graduation rates and
19 help underrepresented students complete college; and

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

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature takes great pride in
26 congratulating the California State University system on the
27 occasion of its 50th anniversary, commends the invaluable
28 contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of
29 its students, and extends best wishes for its continued success in
30 the future; and be it further

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