

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 86

Introduced by Assembly Member Hueso

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to hate crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 86, as amended, Hueso. No Place for Hate (registered trademark) Month.

This measure would designate February 2012 as No Place for Hate (registered trademark) Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Hatred and bigotry remain significant and
- 2 dangerous problems in the United States and in California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, An act of hate committed against any one person
- 4 is also an act against the entire community; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the right of every person to live with the
2 expectation that he or she will not be physically, emotionally, or
3 psychologically abused or intimidated; and

4 WHEREAS, All people should be treated with courtesy and
5 respect, regardless of their racial background, the language they
6 speak, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their real
7 or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, We honor, respect, and protect the diversity that
10 makes California one of the most culturally rich areas of the world,
11 and celebrate multiculturalism and diversity as a necessity of life;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Although discrimination has declined over the
14 years, Californians will not be satisfied until hate is eliminated
15 completely; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of California can move toward this goal
17 by enacting the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate
18 (registered trademark) program, which enables people to challenge
19 anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, and all forms of bigotry in
20 their communities and schools. By providing resources and
21 education to California school districts, this program seeks to
22 provide a model for responding to and preventing acts of hatred,
23 enhances an appreciation for diversity, and fosters harmony; and

24 WHEREAS, Hate has no place in California, and every person
25 deserves the basic principles of equality and civil rights guaranteed
26 to all persons by the United States Constitution and the Bill of
27 Rights; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
30 month of February 2012 as No Place for Hate (registered
31 trademark) Month, and urges that the issue of hate crimes, and the
32 methods of preventing them, be discussed with appropriate
33 activities in schools during this month; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of
35 California to adopt a culture of tolerance, to accept diversity, and
36 to embrace each other as individuals every day of every year; and
37 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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