

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 88

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

January 10, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 88, as introduced, Mendoza. Cinco de Mayo Week.

This measure would proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2012, 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
2 California include contributions to all facets of our community;
3 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares May 1 through May 7,
36 2012, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

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

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