

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 17

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to India’s Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 17, as introduced, Wieckowski. India’s Independence Day.

This measure would proclaim August 15, 2013, as India’s Independence Day, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating India’s independence.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, As the day began on August 15, 1947, at the stroke
2 of midnight, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru,
3 gave his famous Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India’s
4 independence; and
5 WHEREAS, The Tryst with Destiny speech is considered to be
6 one of the greatest speeches of all time, which captured the essence
7 of the 100-year nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British
8 colonial rule in India; and
9 WHEREAS, India’s Independence Day is one of the most
10 important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day
11 takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national
12 flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that
13 highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current

1 issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders
2 of India's struggle for freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is celebrated on August
4 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It was
5 celebrated by 400 million Indians in 1947 and today is celebrated
6 by a billion people living in India, and many people living in other
7 parts of the world, including California, which is home to the
8 largest population of Asian Indians in the United States; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims August
12 15, 2013, as India's Independence Day, and urges all Californians
13 to join in celebrating India's independence; and be it further

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