

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 103

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to India's Independence Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 17, 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.

WHEREAS, As the day began on August 15, 1947, at the stroke of midnight, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, gave his famous Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India's independence; and

WHEREAS, The Tryst with Destiny speech is considered to be one of the greatest speeches of all time, which captured the essence of the 100-year nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British colonial rule in India; and

WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is one of the most important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders of India's struggle for freedom; and

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

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

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

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