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**House Resolution**

**No. 17**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Medina**

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House Resolution No. 17—Relative to Small Business Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of June is celebrated as California Small  
2 Business Month by the California State Legislature, reminding us  
3 of the tremendous contributions small businesses make to the  
4 economic strength of our nation and state; and  
5 WHEREAS, On June 10, 2013, the Assembly and Senate  
6 celebrate “California Small Business Day.” Further, we recognize  
7 this day to honor small business owners from Assembly and Senate  
8 districts statewide; and  
9 WHEREAS, The nation’s 28 million small businesses are the  
10 job creation engine of the American economy, responsible for

1 one-half of all private sector jobs, and the source of roughly 70  
2 percent of all new jobs in the last decade; and

3 WHEREAS, California is home to three and one-half million  
4 of these small businesses, accounting for 99 percent of the state's  
5 employers and 52 percent of the state's workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, California is home to the most innovative and  
7 competitive businesses in the world, placing the state consistently  
8 among the top 10 economies in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, California small businesses have been responsible  
10 for one in every six jobs created nationwide in the last year,  
11 ensuring that California remains the leader in the nation's ongoing  
12 economic recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, California received more than 50 percent of all  
14 venture capital financing in the United States in 2011, by far the  
15 most of any state in the nation; and our state is also number one  
16 in direct foreign investment; and

17 WHEREAS, California, through the Governor's Office of  
18 Business and Economic Development (GoBiz), assists local and  
19 regional governments in the attraction, retention, and expansion  
20 of small businesses as well as site selection, permit streamlining,  
21 trade development, and regulatory requirements; and

22 WHEREAS, California state government also administers many  
23 very successful programs, such as the Small Business Loan  
24 Guarantee Program and the California Capital Access Program  
25 (CalCAP), that make capital financing available to small businesses  
26 throughout the state; and

27 WHEREAS, The success of California's small businesses helps  
28 drive our state's innovation economy, including emerging  
29 economic sectors such as biotechnology, clean technology, high  
30 technology, and renewable energy; and

31 WHEREAS, California is committed to promoting state and  
32 private investments in science, technology, engineering, and  
33 mathematics education, so that the next generation of Californians  
34 will have the tools required to start their own small businesses;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, This resolution reaffirms California's commitment  
37 to small businesses, and our state's support for small-scale  
38 private-sector job creators is among our most promising strategies  
39 to enhance California's human capital, expand job opportunities,

1 and increase our competitive advantage in the global marketplace;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
4 *Assembly proclaims the month of June 2013 as Small Business*  
5 *Month; and be it further*

6 *Resolved, That the Assembly adds its support to the Governor's*  
7 *efforts in promoting small businesses and making California a*  
8 *home to even more small business startups; and be it further*

9 *Resolved, That California's policymakers will do their part to*  
10 *promote investments in infrastructure, new equipment and*  
11 *technology, and, most importantly, the state's educational system*  
12 *to make California an even better place to do business; and be it*  
13 *further*

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

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