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House Resolution No. 45—Relative to the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Californian National Guard is the largest and
- 2 most frequently deployed National Guard force in the United States
- 3 with a total authorized strength of 22,900 soldiers and airmen.
- 4 Since 2001 more than 38,000 soldiers and airmen have served with
- 5 distinction overseas; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Nearly every state National Guard participates in
- 7 the National Guard State Partnership Program, also known as SPP,
- 8 which helps partner nations to prevent failed states, improve
- 9 capabilities to protect citizens, and create stable regions; and

1 WHEREAS, The California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership
2 is one of 65 National Guard State Partnership Programs and this
3 partnership was formed in 1993, just two years after Ukraine earned
4 its independence from the Soviet Union; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of California’s partnership with Ukraine
6 is among the most important and progressive partnerships in
7 Europe. The California National Guard has actively trained with
8 the Armed Forces of Ukraine to reinforce military respect for
9 civilian control and rule of law while improving the
10 professionalism of military personnel from both Ukraine and the
11 State of California. Thanks to its strategic location, size, and
12 population, Ukraine has the capacity to be one of the most
13 influential countries in the region; and

14 WHEREAS, Prior to our strategic relationship, the Armed Forces
15 of Ukraine were in desperate need of restructuring, modernization
16 of forces, and information sharing. Ukraine needed the tools to
17 learn how to build a consensus among civilian populations,
18 analytical methods for achieving their goals, and how to become
19 a diplomatic leader in its region; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the collaboration, California Guardsmen
21 have addressed a broad range of social, economic, military, and
22 political issues in Ukraine. The California National Guard has
23 worked to give Ukrainian Armed Forces the tools to help secure
24 their borders, provide emergency response training, and other
25 training to large, diverse agencies in Ukraine; and

26 WHEREAS, Ukrainian military members have traveled to
27 California to participate in disaster-relief exercises with the
28 California National Guard and California Guardsmen have been
29 deployed to Ukraine for antiterror exercises. Currently, the focus
30 of the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership is on English
31 language training, strategic airlift collaboration, human resources
32 and personnel management, humanitarian assistance, development
33 of the European Union Battle Group; and

34 WHEREAS, The California-Ukraine National Guard partnership
35 can be a point of pride for the almost 100,000 Californian citizens
36 of Ukrainian origin; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
38 Assembly proclaims its support for the California National Guard
39 and the California-Ukraine National Guard Partnership; and be it
40 further

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

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