

**House Resolution**

**No. 9**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Daly**

February 20, 2013

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House Resolution No. 9—Relative to historic vineyards.

1 WHEREAS, California’s living and producing historic vineyards  
2 that were planted in the late 19th century through the mid-20th  
3 century still make a significant contribution to the state’s economy  
4 and reputation as a global wine growing region; and

5 WHEREAS, Historic vineyards are found throughout California,  
6 east from the Sierra foothills and San Joaquin County, west to the  
7 Sonoma coast, north to Mendocino, and south to the Cucamonga  
8 Valley; and

9 WHEREAS, Historic vineyards are beautiful and irreplaceable  
10 survivors that have lived through the ravages of phylloxera,  
11 economic downturns, consumer popularity fluctuations, and in  
12 many cases, prohibition and world wars; and

13 WHEREAS, These historic vineyards provide an important  
14 living repository for wine grape budwood and genetic material;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Historic vineyards often provide a living window  
17 on past vineyard practices including, but not limited to,  
18 head-trained vines and dry farming; and

19 WHEREAS, The interplanted field blends of grape varieties  
20 that were a common practice of the immigrant farmers who planted  
21 California vineyards in the past characterize an era of agricultural  
22 practice and impart wine attributes that are uniquely Californian;  
23 and

1 WHEREAS, Fragile older vines are often less productive than  
2 younger vines and can require special care to maintain; and

3 WHEREAS, Most historic vineyards are family owned and exist  
4 by virtue of the passion of their caretakers; and

5 WHEREAS, The wine made from California’s historic vineyards  
6 continues to delight wine lovers throughout the world and imparts  
7 prestige to the state as a place to live, work, and visit; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
10 Assembly recognizes the contribution of California’s living historic  
11 vineyards to the agricultural and social heritage of the state as well  
12 as to the enjoyment of wine enthusiasts throughout California and  
13 the world; 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.