

House Resolution

No. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member Daly

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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 *treasured* survivors that have lived through the ravages of
11 phylloxera, economic downturns, consumer popularity fluctuations,
12 and in 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

1 practice and impart wine attributes that are uniquely Californian;
2 and

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

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

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

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
12 Assembly recognizes the contribution of California's living historic
13 vineyards to the agricultural and social heritage of the state as well
14 as to the enjoyment of wine enthusiasts throughout California and
15 the world; and be it further

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