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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

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

1 WHEREAS, Historic vineyards are beautiful and treasured
2 survivors that have lived through the ravages of phylloxera,
3 economic downturns, consumer popularity fluctuations, and in
4 many cases, prohibition and world wars; and

5 WHEREAS, These historic vineyards provide an important
6 living repository for wine grape budwood and genetic material;
7 and

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

11 WHEREAS, The interplanted field blends of grape varieties
12 that were a common practice of the immigrant farmers who planted
13 California vineyards in the past characterize an era of agricultural
14 practice and impart wine attributes that are uniquely Californian;
15 and

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

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

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

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
25 Assembly recognizes the contribution of California’s living historic
26 vineyards to the agricultural and social heritage of the state as well
27 as to the enjoyment of wine enthusiasts throughout California and
28 the world; and be it further

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