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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 100**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to relations with El Salvador.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 100, as amended, Alejo. Relations with El Salvador.

This measure would extend an invitation to the people of El Salvador to join California and commit to the development of programs to foster social, economic, educational, scientific, and cultural programs in order to strengthen the democratization process and economic development of El Salvador and to promote economic ties and to improve international understanding and goodwill.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, El Salvador and California are ~~economic centers~~
- 2 ~~for commercial, industrial, and financial business~~ *both centers for*
- 3 *cultural and economic exchange; and*
- 4 *WHEREAS, El Salvador and California share common cultural*
- 5 *ties, similar early history during the period of Spanish colonization,*
- 6 *and strong family ties among sectors of their populations; and*

1 *WHEREAS, California has the largest number of foreign born*  
 2 *residents from El Salvador in the nation, with the Cities of Los*  
 3 *Angeles and San Francisco having the largest concentration of*  
 4 *Salvadorans in California; and*

5 ~~WHEREAS, Salvadoran-Americans constitute the second largest~~  
 6 ~~Latino community in California, numbering close to 600,000 over~~  
 7 ~~one million throughout the State state and 6 percent of all~~  
 8 ~~immigrants nationwide; and~~

9 ~~WHEREAS, El Salvador and California share common cultural~~  
 10 ~~ties, similar early history during the Spanish colonization, and~~  
 11 ~~strong family ties among sectors of their populations, and the Cities~~  
 12 ~~of Los Angeles and San Francisco have the largest concentration~~  
 13 ~~of Salvadoran-Americans in California; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, Although El Salvador and California share a great~~  
 15 ~~deal in common, they are sufficiently different that both would~~  
 16 ~~benefit from increased trade, investment, tourism, cultural,~~  
 17 ~~educational, and scientific exchanges; and~~

18 ~~WHEREAS, In 2010, the Legislature officially established the~~  
 19 ~~area between Adams Boulevard and 11th Street on Vermont Avenue~~  
 20 ~~in the City of Los Angeles as the El Salvador Community Corridor,~~  
 21 ~~which is now home to more than 100 Salvadoran businesses; and~~

22 ~~WHEREAS, California’s educational and academic~~  
 23 ~~communities, through casework and research studies carried out~~  
 24 ~~by prestigious research institutions, have recognized the significant~~  
 25 ~~economic, cultural migratory, and political cultural and economic~~  
 26 ~~contributions of the Salvadoran-American community in California;~~  
 27 ~~and~~

28 ~~WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California is~~  
 29 ~~committed to encouraging relationships and exchanges between~~  
 30 ~~California and other regions of the world in order to promote better~~  
 31 ~~economic ties, understanding, and cultural relations; and~~

32 ~~WHEREAS, Salvadoran-American workers in California support~~  
 33 ~~our economy with indispensable labor, which in turn provides~~  
 34 ~~remittances to families in El Salvador, totaling 16.7 percent of El~~  
 35 ~~Salvador’s gross domestic product in 2012, the largest percentage~~  
 36 ~~in any Latin-county American country; and~~

37 ~~WHEREAS, The United States prospered from a \$692.6 million~~  
 38 ~~trade surplus with El Salvador in 2013; and~~

39 ~~WHEREAS, El Salvador has been recognized by President~~  
 40 ~~Obama’s Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development as~~

1 ~~one of four select countries chosen based on data indicating~~  
2 ~~economic gains resulting from increased foreign investment and~~  
3 ~~trade between both nations; and~~

4 *WHEREAS, El Salvador and California would both benefit from*  
5 *increased trade, investment, and tourism, and increased cultural,*  
6 *educational, and scientific exchanges; and*

7 *WHEREAS, President Barack Obama initiated the Presidential*  
8 *Policy Directive on Global Development in 2010, which identified*  
9 *El Salvador as one of four select countries chosen for increased*  
10 *foreign investment based on their track record of partnering with*  
11 *the United States, policy performance, and the potential for*  
12 *continued economic growth; and*

13 *WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to encouraging*  
14 *relationships and exchanges between California and other regions*  
15 *of the world in order to promote better economic ties,*  
16 *understanding, and cultural relations; and*

17 *WHEREAS, Establishing a relationship between El Salvador*  
18 *and California would help achieve these goals, and would stimulate*  
19 *and facilitate additional mutually beneficial exchanges in cities*  
20 ~~*such as Los Angeles and San Salvador exchanges; and*~~

21 *WHEREAS, El Salvador is committed to developing a*  
22 *cooperative relationship with California; now, therefore, be it*

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
24 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California,*  
25 *on behalf of the people of the State of California, hereby extends*  
26 *an invitation to the people of El Salvador to join California and*  
27 *commit to the development of programs to foster social, economic,*  
28 *educational, scientific, and cultural programs in order to strengthen*  
29 *the democratization process and economic development of El*  
30 *Salvador and to promote economic ties and improve international*  
31 *understanding and goodwill; and be it further*

32 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
33 *of this resolution to the President of the El Salvador, President*  
34 *Barack Obama, and the Governor of California.*

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