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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to the United Way.

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SCR 19, as introduced, Evans. The United Way.

This measure would honor the 125th anniversary of the founding of the United Way.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, the United Way celebrated the 125th
2 anniversary of its founding; and

3 WHEREAS, The United Way was founded in Denver in 1887;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Today, the United Way is the largest privately
6 funded, nonprofit corporation in the nation and the world, with
7 more than 1,800 United Ways in 41 countries and territories; and

8 WHEREAS, The focus of the United Way is identifying and
9 resolving pressing community issues, as well as making measurable
10 changes in the communities through partnerships with schools,
11 government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial
12 institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and
13 neighborhood associations, the faith community, and others; and

14 WHEREAS, The issues the United Way focuses on are
15 determined locally because of the diversity of the communities
16 served; and

1 WHEREAS, The United Way’s overall framework, however,
2 includes education, income, and health; and

3 WHEREAS, The United Way builds on community strengths
4 and assets, helps individuals and groups with specific community
5 interests, finds ways for them to contribute their time and talents,
6 supports direct-service programs and community-change efforts,
7 and advocates public policy changes; and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of corporations and businesses partner
9 with the United Way to address community needs; and

10 WHEREAS, The United Way of California improves the health,
11 education, and financial results of low-income children and families
12 by enhancing and coordinating the advocacy and community
13 impact work of California’s United Ways; and

14 WHEREAS, California’s independent, local United Ways
15 created United Ways of California to help them work together to
16 advance their mutual goals; and

17 WHEREAS, California’s local United Ways do vital work in
18 their communities. They collectively raise over \$200 million per
19 year in charitable gifts for targeted investments and critical health,
20 education, and human services; and

21 WHEREAS, By working together through United Ways of
22 California, the local United Ways can more effectively pursue
23 opportunities and develop resources across multiple regions and
24 the entire state, and better influence the state policy environment,
25 which has a significant impact on local United Ways’ success in
26 their communities; and

27 WHEREAS, Individually and together, California’s United
28 Ways build a stronger California by mobilizing our public, private,
29 and nonprofit sectors through research, civic engagement, public
30 policy advocacy, and results-based funding; and

31 WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in this state advance
32 the common good and improve communities across this state as
33 places to live and to do business through strategic investments,
34 initiatives, partnerships, and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors the United Way
37 regarding the 125th anniversary of its founding and encourage all
38 residents of this state to support the United Way; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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