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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 56

Introduced by Senator Torres

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to National Night Out.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, as amended, Torres. National Night Out.

This measure would proclaim August 6, 2013, as National Night Out in California and would urge the people of California to observe and participate in National Night Out.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On August 6, 2013, the National Association of
2 Town Watch is joining with law enforcement agencies,
3 communities, and business organizations throughout the nation to
4 sponsor the 30th Annual National Night Out, a unique, nationwide,
5 crime prevention program; and

6 WHEREAS, National Night Out is an evening for America to
7 stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood
8 unity; and

9 WHEREAS, National Night Out is designed to heighten crime
10 prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in,
11 local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and
12 police-community partnerships; and send a message to ~~criminals~~

1 *criminals*, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized
2 and fighting back; and

3 WHEREAS, On August 6, 2013, residents in neighborhoods
4 throughout California and across the nation are asked to join
5 together to spend the evening outside with their neighbors and
6 police; and

7 WHEREAS, Many neighborhoods throughout California and
8 across the nation will be hosting a variety of special events on
9 August 6, 2013, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits
10 from police, flashlight walks, safety demonstrations, contests,
11 youth activities, and anticrime rallies; and

12 WHEREAS, National Night Out has proven to be an effective,
13 inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood
14 unity and encourage strong relationships between local community
15 members and law enforcement agencies that will help to strengthen
16 community safety throughout the entire year; and

17 WHEREAS, National Night Out highlights the vital importance
18 that citizen involvement has in our fight for a safer state and nation;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Over 37 million people from over 15,000
21 communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian
22 cities, and military bases worldwide participated in National Night
23 Out in 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, National Night Out provides a unique opportunity
25 for California to recognize the thousands of communities across
26 the state and country promoting cooperative, police-community
27 crime prevention efforts; and

28 WHEREAS, It is essential that all people of California be aware
29 of the importance of crime prevention programs and the impact
30 that their participation can have on reducing crime; and

31 WHEREAS, All people should be encouraged to join with their
32 neighbors, local police and sheriff's departments, and the National
33 Association of Town Watch in supporting the 30th Annual National
34 Night Out; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims August 6, 2013,
37 as National Night Out in California and urges the people of
38 California to observe and participate in National Night Out; and
39 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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