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## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 34

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cooper and Cooley**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 34, as amended, Cooper. November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms: remembrance.

This measure would remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, November 2014 marked the 30 year anniversary  
2 of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of  
3 thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November  
4 1984; and

5 WHEREAS, Many Sikh lives were saved from the massacre by  
6 compassionate Indians of all religious backgrounds, who put their  
7 own lives at risk by providing shelter to their Sikh friends and  
8 neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; forcibly shorn  
10 of their hair, which Sikhs are religiously required to maintain uncut;  
11 doused with kerosene; and set on fire; and

12 WHEREAS, Sikh women, many of whom lost their husbands,  
13 sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang raped and sexually  
14 assaulted by the attackers; and

15 WHEREAS, Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship  
16 (gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the  
17 pogroms; and

18 WHEREAS, The pogroms resulted in the intentional destruction  
19 of many Sikh families, communities, homes, and businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights  
21 activists have compiled evidence showing that government and  
22 law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to  
23 intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world,  
26 recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution  
27 of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms;  
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature remember those who lost  
31 their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and  
32 massacre; and be it further

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