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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 40

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to California Museum Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 40, as amended, Calderon. California Museum Month.

This measure would recognize the essential role that museums have in the State of California as educational institutions and would proclaim May 2015 as California Museum Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is home to over 1,400 museums that are
- 2 located in every county and region throughout the state and serve
- 3 millions of visitors annually; and

1 WHEREAS, California museums represent a multitude of
2 learning experiences, including art museums, zoos, aquaria,
3 historical societies, science centers, botanical gardens, children's
4 museums, and cultural centers; and

5 WHEREAS, California museums help the state meet its
6 obligations in the field of education by serving over 2 million
7 schoolchildren in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and
8 over one million college and university students per year through
9 field trips and outreach programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of California museums partner with
11 schools and school districts to provide valuable and relevant
12 educational programs that serve their local students and enhance
13 instruction provided by the public sector; and

14 WHEREAS, Americans view museums as one of the most
15 trustworthy sources of objective information, and, after their
16 families, the most significant in creating a strong connection to
17 the past; and

18 WHEREAS, California museums foster dialogue, inspire
19 utilization of critical thinking skills, and support exploration to
20 advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history,
21 science, the arts, and the natural world; and

22 WHEREAS, California museums, through exhibitions and
23 programs, provide access to educational opportunities, exciting
24 and hands-on learning experiences, information, and the cultural
25 and natural heritage that define us as a state; and

26 WHEREAS, California museums provide a spark that inspires
27 the future generations of scientists, artists, politicians, historians,
28 and entrepreneurs; and

29 WHEREAS, The California Association of Museums has served
30 to bring important recognition of this commemorative month and
31 invites all museums, museum service organizations, California
32 residents, and local governments to use this milestone to recognize
33 and celebrate the essential role California museums play as
34 educational institutions as they serve communities, the nation, and
35 the world; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the essential
38 role that museums have in the State of California as educational
39 institutions and proclaims May 2015 as California Museum Month;
40 and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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