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No. 24

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House Resolution No. 24—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strives to promote the
- 2 principles of equality and justice, and the inalienable rights of all
- 3 people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- 4 WHEREAS, California's and America's diversity is one of our
- 5 greatest strengths; and
- 6 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
- 7 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
- 8 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

1 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
2 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,  
3 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or  
4 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or  
5 expression; and

6 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
7 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state  
8 and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited  
9 to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,  
10 education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and  
11 culture, that enrich our national life; and

12 WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the United States,  
13 a sitting President and Vice President, President Barack Obama  
14 and Vice President Joe Biden, affirmed their support for the  
15 fundamental right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or  
16 gender; and

17 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck  
18 down a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA),  
19 which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex  
20 marriages, affirming that all loving and committed couples who  
21 are married deserve equal treatment and respect; and

22 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that  
23 Proposition 8 sponsors had no standing to appeal the federal trial  
24 court's decision that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, thereby  
25 restoring marriage equality in California; and

26 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States is now  
27 considering the constitutional basis for marriage equality and  
28 whether millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender  
29 individuals across the country are able to marry whom they love;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, A growing number of married same-sex couples  
32 now enjoy the same rights and privileges granted to other married  
33 couples, including joint tax filings, military benefits, family and  
34 medical leave, and the ability to sponsor their foreign spouse; and

35 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people  
36 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in  
37 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in  
38 business, and serving as role models for all; and

39 WHEREAS, The transgender community in particular, has  
40 gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports,

1 and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the  
2 obstacles this community continues to face; and

3 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed  
4 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect  
5 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice  
6 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender  
7 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue  
8 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment  
9 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration  
10 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the  
11 transgender community; and

12 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have  
13 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of  
14 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we  
17 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the  
20 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,  
21 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

22 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed June as  
23 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month and  
24 reaffirmed his administration's goal of eliminating prejudice  
25 everywhere it exists and celebrating the great diversity of the  
26 American people; and

27 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,  
28 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and  
29 equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the  
30 notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian,  
31 gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state  
32 and nation; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
34 Assembly proclaims June 2015 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and  
35 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in  
36 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of  
37 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the  
38 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality  
39 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their  
40 families; and be it further

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

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