

House Resolution

No. 33

Introduced by Assembly Members Atkins and Mark Stone

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House Resolution No. 33—Relative to the California Earned Income Tax Credit.

- 1 WHEREAS, California enacted its first ever state Earned Income
2 Tax Credit (EITC), based on the federal EITC, last summer as part
3 of the 2015–16 budget package; and
4 WHEREAS, The state EITC will allow California’s lowest
5 income workers to better provide for their families by boosting
6 their 2015 incomes by as much as \$2,653; and
7 WHEREAS, The state EITC provides a match of up to 85
8 percent of the federal EITC for California’s lowest income workers,
9 a match that far exceeds any other state in the nation; and
10 WHEREAS, The state EITC, together with the federal EITC,
11 could raise the incomes of families living in deep poverty, defined
12 as below one-half of the federal poverty line, by as much as 83
13 percent in 2015; and
14 WHEREAS, The state EITC will build on the decades-long
15 track record of success of the federal EITC; and
16 WHEREAS, Research shows that the federal EITC reduces
17 poverty, encourages employment, and boosts local economies;
18 and
19 WHEREAS, Research has linked the EITC to improved health
20 for mothers and infants as well as better educational outcomes for
21 children; and
22 WHEREAS, The success of California’s EITC depends on
23 policymakers, public agencies, and community leaders ensuring

1 that all households that are eligible for the new credit know about
2 it, learn about it, and claim it; and

3 WHEREAS, Over \$1.8 billion of federal EITC dollars have
4 gone unclaimed in California each year and promoting the new
5 state EITC will boost awareness and claims of the federal EITC,
6 thereby returning federal dollars to California families and local
7 economies; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That January*
9 *22, 2016, is California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)*
10 *Awareness Day; and be it further*

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