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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia

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House Resolution No. 5—Relative to Mexico and human rights.

1 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, 43 college students from
2 the Ayotzinapa Normal School in Guerrero, Mexico, disappeared
3 in Iguala, Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, Mexico’s Attorney General, Jesús Murillo Karam,
5 announced in a televised press conference on November 7, 2014,
6 that the evidence indicates the 43 missing students had been
7 executed and incinerated in the municipal dump of Cocula, Mexico,
8 by the Guerreros Unidos cartel *at the behest of corrupt officials*;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 25,000 to 26,000 people
11 have disappeared in Mexico since 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, The disappeared often include the very vulnerable,
13 such as poor migrants, indigenous people, and women and children;
14 and

15 ~~WHEREAS, According to a report by Human Rights Watch,~~
16 ~~the state and federal army units in Iguala failed to intervene to~~
17 ~~protect the students; and~~

18 WHEREAS, The director of the American division of Human
19 Rights Watch, José Manuel Vivanco, described the murders in
20 Iguala, Mexico, and an earlier massacre in Tlatlaya, Mexico, as
21 “the worst atrocities we’ve seen in Mexico in years, but they are
22 hardly isolated incidents”; and

1 WHEREAS, There has been an international outcry regarding
2 the deaths of the missing students in Mexico from, among others,
3 the United Nations, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the
4 European Parliament, and the international human rights
5 community; *and now, therefore, be it*

6 ~~WHEREAS, On July 20, 2014, A Memorandum of~~
7 ~~Understanding for Strengthening Trade and Investment~~
8 ~~Cooperation Between the Ministry of Economy of the United~~
9 ~~Mexican States and the Government of the State of California of~~
10 ~~the United States of America was signed by Governor Jerry Brown~~
11 ~~of the State of California and Minister Hdefonso Guajardo~~
12 ~~Villarreal of the United States of Mexico; and~~

13 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding
14 “is to establish a formal and flexible framework between the
15 Participants to expand trade and investment cooperation, foster
16 scientific and technological collaboration for business development
17 in emerging key sectors, strengthen communication, enhance trust,
18 boost economic development and create jobs”; *now, therefore, be*
19 *it*

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
21 *Assembly adds its voice to those in the international community*
22 *condemning the disappearance and deaths of the missing college*
23 *students from Mexico as a violation of human rights, of which the*
24 *government of Mexico has yet to even acknowledge, and offers its*
25 *support to all those in Mexico standing up for human rights and*
26 *justice against corruption and violence; and be it further*

27 ~~*Resolved, That the Assembly urges Governor Jerry Brown to*~~
28 ~~*suspend the Memorandum of Understanding between California*~~
29 ~~*and the United Mexican States and urges the State of California*~~
30 ~~*to divest from doing business with the United Mexican States until*~~
31 ~~*the human rights of the people of Mexico have been reevaluated;*~~
32 ~~*and be it further*~~

33 *Resolved, That the Assembly urges the government of Mexico*
34 *to support further dialogue between the international community,*
35 *including the United States, and human rights organizations on*
36 *human rights reforms; and be it further*

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

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