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No. 54

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House Resolution No. 54—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strive 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 more just and fair society, we must
7 teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our
8 differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us; and
9 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
10 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color,
11 religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or

1 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or
2 expression; and

3 WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
4 are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in
5 professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in
6 business and government, and serving as role models for all; and

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has found
28 a constitutional basis for marriage equality, granting millions of
29 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals across the
30 country the ability to marry people whom they love; 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, The transgender community in particular, has
36 gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports,
37 and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the
38 obstacles this community continues to face; and

39 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
40 in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect

1 for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
2 and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
3 people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
4 working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
5 Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
6 reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
7 transgender community; and

8 WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
9 shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of
10 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad;
11 and

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

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

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

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

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
30 Assembly proclaims June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
31 Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in
32 celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of
33 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the
34 people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality
35 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their
36 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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