

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 143

Introduced by Assembly Member Daly

February 23, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 143—Relative to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 143, as introduced, Daly. California Taxpayers Association.

This measure would commend the California Taxpayers Association on the 90th anniversary of its founding, applaud its record of service to the people of California, and extend best wishes to the association for a long and productive future.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Taxpayers Association is celebrating
2 its 90th anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to recognize
3 the association’s nine decades of service to the people of our great
4 state; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Taxpayers Association was founded
6 in 1926 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with the dual
7 mission of protecting taxpayers from unnecessary taxes and
8 supporting government efficiency and has remained committed to
9 achieving these important goals for the benefit of all Californians;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dramatic increases in government spending and
12 the passage of state tax increases in 1921 fueled a desire to create
13 the California Tax Improvement Association as an institutional
14 voice for taxpayers, and in December 1925, members of the
15 California Tax Improvement Association decided to create a

1 successor organization to pursue the goals of reducing taxes and
2 increasing economy in public expenditures; and

3 WHEREAS, At a meeting on February 24, 1926, in the Pacific
4 Mutual Building in Los Angeles, the California Taxpayers
5 Association was born, and “CalTax” was adopted as the shorthand
6 version of the association’s formal name; and

7 WHEREAS, The association’s incorporation papers were
8 certified by California Secretary of State Frank Jordan on March
9 8, 1926; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception the association has informed
11 the public and contributed to sound policymaking by conducting
12 extensive research on education spending, local government costs,
13 government management procedures, property taxation, parcel
14 taxes, and many other issues of widespread concern and great
15 importance to California taxpayers; and

16 WHEREAS, CalTax has been a key nonpartisan participant in
17 the policymaking process, meeting with governors and providing
18 expert policy input to the Legislature, state tax agencies, county
19 assessors and local governments; and

20 WHEREAS, CalTax frequently testifies before the Legislature,
21 the State Board of Equalization, and the Franchise Tax Board to
22 represent its members and the general public, providing informed
23 feedback that has led to improvements in the administration of
24 California’s tax laws, through increased conformity between state
25 and federal tax laws; and

26 WHEREAS, CalTax is robust in its determination to ensure
27 fairness in tax administration and lends its support to individual
28 taxpayers when legal challenges are needed to protect the rights
29 of California taxpayers; and

30 WHEREAS, Since its earliest years, CalTax has educated its
31 members and all California voters on ballot measures relating to
32 state taxes; and

33 WHEREAS, CalTax has sponsored initiatives to take politics
34 out of the redistricting process, to clarify the definition of “tax” in
35 California law, and to accomplish other reforms supported by the
36 people of California; and

37 WHEREAS, CalTax is the longest-serving organization
38 protecting the interests of California taxpayers, and follows the
39 principles of fair-mindedness and accuracy to ensure continuing
40 success for the next 90 years and beyond; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That California Legislature commends the
3 California Taxpayers Association on the 90th anniversary of its
4 founding, applauds its record of service to the people of California,
5 and extends sincere best wishes to the association for a long and
6 productive future.

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