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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 164

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bigelow, Gray, Lackey, Linder, Mathis, Olsen, Wagner, and Waldron Waldron, Achadjian, Alejo, Travis Allen, Arambula, Atkins, Baker, Bloom, Bonilla, Bonta, Brough, Brown, Burke, Calderon, Campos, Chau, Chávez, Chiu, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Dababneh, Dahle, Daly, Dodd, Eggman, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gatto, Gipson, Gomez, Gonzalez, Gordon, Grove, Hadley, Harper, Roger Hernández, Holden, Irwin, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Kim, Levine, Lopez, Low, Maienschein, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Nazarian, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Quirk, Rendon, Ridley-Thomas, Rodriguez, Salas, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Weber, Wilk, and Wood)

(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Cannella, Huff, and Stone)

April 4, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to Citrus Strong Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, as amended, Patterson. Citrus Strong Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2016 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating California's vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to the state's environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that California is citrus strong.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Citrus is an iconic symbol of California’s heritage,
2 dating back to the 1840s; and

3 WHEREAS, California leads the nation in the production of
4 fresh citrus fruit; and

5 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of the nation’s supply of fresh citrus
6 is grown in California; and

7 WHEREAS, Ongoing research shows the many health benefits
8 of consuming fresh citrus; and

9 WHEREAS, California citrus is a \$3 billion dollar industry that
10 supports over 20,000 jobs and fuels over \$1.5 billion in economic
11 activity for the state each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Citrus growers are committed to preserving
13 California’s precious natural resources by adopting farming
14 practices that conserve water, reduce air pollution, and promote
15 healthy soils; and

16 WHEREAS, California’s citrus growers give back to local
17 communities and families in need; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2015, California’s citrus growers donated 19
19 million pounds of citrus to the Farm to Family program, which is
20 dedicated to delivering food to individuals, families, and children
21 in need and to strengthening communities by providing food
22 security; and

23 WHEREAS, The first annual Citrus Stride will take place at the
24 State Capitol Building on April 6, 2016, and for every registered
25 participant, the citrus industry will donate 1,000 pounds of citrus
26 to the Farm to Family program; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
29 April 2016 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating
30 California’s vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to
31 the state’s environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that
32 California is citrus strong; and be it further

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