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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 186

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

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May 12, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 186—Relative to California Fairground Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 186, as amended, Bigelow. California Fairground Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month and commend the directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, nonprofits, and Californians who support and attend fairground events.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California's 76 fairgrounds represent an important
2 public asset, providing public recreation, education, and community
3 unity to more than 20 million Californians every year; and

4 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds provide vital emergency
5 services as fire camps, disaster relief centers, and training and
6 staging areas; and

7 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds accommodate both those
8 actively involved in emergency relief efforts and those displaced
9 by disasters and serve as a temporary home; and

10 WHEREAS, More than one dozen fairgrounds served in
11 emergency response capacities in 2015 alone; and

12 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds serve as year-round centers
13 for economic activities, generating millions of dollars in tax and
14 employment income for the state and local governments; and

15 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds provide a unique and
16 unparalleled platform for nonprofit events and charitable efforts
17 that in turn provide a wide variety of important social services,
18 including food drives, blood drives, pet adoptions, scholarships,
19 and educational activities; and

20 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the Golden State's
21 proud agricultural history and foster the education of future
22 generations about the connection between food and farming; and

23 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are gathering places for
24 the state's diverse ethnic populations, veterans groups, and other
25 organizations; and

26 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the conservation
27 of natural resources, including water, and the importance of water
28 to California farms and cities; and

29 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are supported by thousands
30 of volunteers from the boardroom to the parking lot and livestock
31 barns; and

32 WHEREAS, The 76 fairgrounds within California deserve great
33 respect and admiration for their services to California; now,
34 therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
37 month of June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month
38 in appreciation for the services given to California by the 76
39 fairgrounds in the state; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the thousands of
2 directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, and nonprofits, as well
3 as the millions of Californians, who support and attend fairground
4 events year round; and be it further

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

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