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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to Navy Reserve Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, as introduced, Block. Navy Reserve Day.

This measure would commemorate March 3, 2015, as the 100th anniversary of the United States Navy Reserve.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Naval Appropriations Act dated March 3,
2 1915, established a United States Naval Reserve, stating “There
3 is hereby established a United States Naval Reserve, which shall
4 consist of citizens of the United States who have been or may be
5 entitled to be honorably discharged from the Navy after not less
6 than one four-year term of enlistment or after a term of enlistment
7 during minority. The naval reserve shall be organized under the
8 Bureau of Navigation and shall be governed by the Articles for
9 the Government of the Navy and by the Naval Regulations and
10 instructions.”; and

11 WHEREAS, Men and women of the United States Navy Reserve
12 have trained and served alongside their active duty counterparts
13 in the State of California since World War I; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1926, the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps
15 was first established, entrusted to only six American universities
16 including the University of California; and

1 WHEREAS, Former Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan
2 (1947–1949) made clear the importance of the Navy’s Reserve,
3 pointing out that “Ten out of eleven Sailors in the Navy during
4 World War II were Naval Reservists. They made possible the rapid
5 expansion of our naval service into the largest the world has ever
6 known—some three and a third million. They had to learn their
7 job the hard way, with a maximum amount of training in a
8 minimum period of time. Today the Naval Reserve, profiting by
9 its wartime experiences, is even better prepared to help this Nation
10 protect the peace.”; and

11 WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of sailors in the Navy’s Reserve,
12 along with their families, are presently living and serving in the
13 State of California; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of California has, for 100 years,
15 demonstrated its commitment to the Navy Reserve, and its sailors
16 and families, by being home to the Military Ocean Terminal
17 Concord, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Naval Air
18 Station Lemoore, Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, Naval Air
19 Station Point Mugu, Naval Base Ventura County, Navy Region
20 Southwest, Naval Air Station North Island, Naval Base Coronado,
21 Naval Station San Diego, Naval Submarine Base San Diego, Naval
22 Weapons Station Seal Beach, Naval Outlying Landing Field
23 Imperial Beach, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field San Clemente
24 Island, Naval Base Point Loma, Naval Air Facility El Centro,
25 Naval Construction Battalion Center Port Hueneme, and Naval
26 Surface Warfare Center, Corona; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commemorates
29 March 3, 2015, as Navy Reserve Day in the State of California
30 and encourages all Californians to take part in the ceremonies
31 commemorating the centennial, and urges that the necessary steps
32 be taken to inform Californians of the date of these ceremonies
33 and the locations of these events, so that all may have the
34 opportunity to show the importance of the United States Navy’s
35 Reserve; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the United States Navy’s Reserve, and the men
37 and women who serve therein, are to be commended for their
38 century-long service to the United States and friendship with the
39 State of California; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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