

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 6

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, Block. Navy Reserve Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The State of California has, for 100 years, demonstrated its commitment to the Navy Reserve, and its sailors and families, by being home to the Military Ocean Terminal Concord, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Naval Air Station Lemoore, Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, Naval Air Station Point Mugu, Naval Base Ventura County,

Navy Region Southwest, Naval Air Station North Island, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Station San Diego, Naval Submarine Base San Diego, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Naval Outlying Landing Field Imperial Beach, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field San Clemente Island, Naval Base Point Loma, Naval Air Facility El Centro, Naval Construction Battalion Center Port Hueneme, and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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