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No. 35

Introduced by Senator Stone
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to Anti-Semitism.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 35, as amended, Stone. Anti-Semitism.

This measure would urge each University of California campus to adopt a resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and racism, and would condemn any act of anti-Semitism at all publicly funded schools in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State defines
2 anti-Semitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be
3 expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical
4 manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or
5 non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish
6 community institutions and religious facilities”; and

7 WHEREAS, There is clear evidence of increasing and alarming
8 incidents and expressions of anti-Semitism throughout the world;
9 and

1 WHEREAS, From sea to shining sea one can witness the
2 proliferation of anti-Semitic activity; and

3 WHEREAS, In February of 2015, the California Legislature's
4 Jewish Caucus held a press conference addressing anti-Semitic
5 acts and in the same week an estimated 500 people gathered on
6 the steps of the State Capitol to protest the recent rise in
7 anti-Semitic acts occurring across the nation, including the display
8 of the Nazi swastika symbol superimposed onto an American flag
9 that was hung in the front of a private home in ~~Sacramento's River~~
10 ~~Park~~ *a Sacramento* neighborhood, which tarnished the reputation
11 of the Golden State; and

12 WHEREAS, Swastikas and other anti-Semitic sentiments have
13 increased in recent months on college campuses across the country
14 and around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2014, the kinds of recorded anti-Semitic acts
16 committed in the United States and around the world included
17 murders; violent attacks and death threats against Jews; arson,
18 graffiti, and property desecration; and murders at Jewish
19 cemeteries, places of worship, schools, and community events;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, These types of anti-Semitic acts also extended to
22 soccer stadiums, the Internet, editorial cartoons, and the use of
23 Nazi salutes, leading many Jewish individuals to conceal their
24 religious and ethnic identity; and

25 WHEREAS, In April of 2014, the United States Department of
26 State released the International Religious Freedom Report
27 recognizing that anti-Semitism continues to be internationally
28 prevalent; and

29 WHEREAS, The governments of France, Germany, Italy, and
30 the United Kingdom, the four countries where the majority of
31 anti-Semitic incidents have occurred in Europe, have strongly
32 condemned anti-Semitism as unacceptable in European society
33 and have all made clear statements that such attacks on their Jewish
34 communities are intolerable; and

35 WHEREAS, The State of California actively promotes tolerance
36 to all faiths and religions; and

37 WHEREAS, The United States government has played an
38 essential role in counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism
39 worldwide and has consistently supported efforts to address the
40 rise in anti-Semitism through its bilateral relationships and

1 participation in international organizations such as the United
2 Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe,
3 and the Organization of American States; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislature joins with people everywhere in
5 unequivocally condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting
6 attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an
7 acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political
8 events in the Middle East or elsewhere; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby urges each
11 University of California campus to adopt a resolution condemning
12 all forms of anti-Semitism and racism, including Islamophobia;
13 and be it further

14 *Resolved,* That the Legislature condemns any act of
15 anti-Semitism at all publicly funded schools in the State of
16 California in order to promote tolerance and acceptance of all
17 religious beliefs in accordance with the rights afforded to each
18 person by the Founding Fathers of this nation and the authors of
19 the United States Constitution; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That nothing in this resolution is intended to diminish
21 the rights of anyone, including students, to freely engage in any
22 speech or other activity protected by the United States Constitution,
23 including that which is critical or supportive of the policies of any
24 country; and be it further

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