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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

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

12 WHEREAS, In February of 2015, the California Legislature’s
13 Jewish Caucus held a press conference addressing anti-Semitic
14 acts and in the same week an estimated 500 people gathered on
15 the steps of the State Capitol to protest the recent rise in
16 anti-Semitic acts occurring across the nation, including the display
17 of the Nazi swastika symbol superimposed onto an American flag
18 that was hung in the front of a private home in a Sacramento
19 neighborhood, which tarnished the reputation of the Golden State;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Swastikas and other anti-Semitic sentiments have
22 increased in recent months on college campuses across the country
23 and around the world; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2014, the kinds of recorded anti-Semitic acts
25 committed in the United States and around the world included
26 murders; violent attacks and death threats against Jews; arson,
27 graffiti, and property desecration; and murders at Jewish
28 cemeteries, places of worship, schools, and community events;
29 and

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

34 WHEREAS, In April of 2014, the United States Department of
35 State released the International Religious Freedom Report

1 recognizing that anti-Semitism continues to be internationally
2 prevalent; and

3 WHEREAS, The governments of France, Germany, Italy, and
4 the United Kingdom, the four countries where the majority of
5 anti-Semitic incidents have occurred in Europe, have strongly
6 condemned anti-Semitism as unacceptable in European society
7 and have all made clear statements that such attacks on their Jewish
8 communities are intolerable; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California actively promotes tolerance
10 to all faiths and religions; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States government has played an
12 essential role in counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism
13 worldwide and has consistently supported efforts to address the
14 rise in anti-Semitism through its bilateral relationships and
15 participation in international organizations such as the United
16 Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe,
17 and the Organization of American States; and

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

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby urges each
25 University of California campus to adopt a resolution condemning
26 all forms of anti-Semitism and racism, including Islamophobia;
27 and be it further

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

34 *Resolved,* That nothing in this resolution is intended to diminish
35 the rights of anyone, including students, to freely engage in any
36 speech or other activity protected by the United States Constitution,
37 including that which is critical or supportive of the policies of any
38 country; 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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