

**Introduced by Senator Monning
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to a sister state relationship with Santa Fe, Argentina.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 6, as introduced, Monning. Santa Fe, Argentina: sister state relationship.

The measure would express the intent and commitment of the state to enter into a sister state relationship with the Province of Santa Fe, Argentina.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States-Argentina relations have grown
2 and strengthened since the United States government formally
3 recognized the United Provinces of the Río de la Plata, the
4 predecessor to Argentina, on January 27, 1823; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of California and the Province of Santa
6 Fe, through reciprocal legislative exchanges, have cultivated a
7 strong bilateral relationship based on shared interests that include
8 higher education, trade, investments, and agriculture; and

9 WHEREAS, Both regions stress the importance of education
10 and acknowledge the pivotal role universities play in advancing
11 scientific knowledge. The relationship between the National
12 University of Rosario and the University of California, Berkeley,
13 has already enhanced academic interconnectivity; and

1 WHEREAS, Santa Fe has numerous emerging markets that are
2 a potential hub for California investment and trade opportunities;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Santa Fe and California both have a reputation for
5 being major gateways for import and export due to world class
6 shipping centers and railroad terminals. Outreach to the Ports of
7 Oakland and Los Angeles was conducted on behalf of the Port of
8 Rosario during the previous Santa Fe legislative delegation's visit;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, A sister state relationship between Santa Fe and
11 California would promote the likelihood of mutually beneficial
12 joint research projects between universities and businesses of the
13 two regions; and

14 WHEREAS, Santa Fe and California have temperate climates
15 and fertile ground conducive to agriculture and the two regions
16 have capitalized on these conditions to create prolific
17 export-oriented agricultural sectors with dairy being a key
18 component to both; and

19 WHEREAS, Santa Fe and California face many of the same
20 challenges, such as the need for substantial new investment in
21 infrastructure and the need for sustainable energy solutions; and

22 WHEREAS, The government of the Province of Santa Fe has
23 enthusiastically pursued the deepening of ties with California
24 through periodic legislative visits and the enactment of a
25 proclamation in support of a sister state relationship; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commit to formalizing
29 the sister state relationship between the Province of Santa Fe in
30 Argentina and the State of California; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That it is the intent of the Legislature through a sister
32 state relationship with the Province of Santa Fe to encourage and
33 facilitate social, economic, scientific, educational, and cultural
34 exchanges to further promote the prosperity of both regions and
35 to improve international understanding and goodwill between both
36 regions; and be it further

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

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5 CORRECTIONS:

6 Text—Pages 1 and 2.

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