

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

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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 amended, 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

1 recognized the United Provinces of the Río de la Plata, the
2 predecessor to Argentina, on January 27, 1823; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Santa Fe has numerous emerging markets that are
13 a potential hub for California investment and trade opportunities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Santa Fe and California both have a reputation for
16 being major gateways for import and export due to world class
17 shipping centers and railroad terminals. Outreach to the Ports of
18 Oakland and Los Angeles was conducted on behalf of the Port of
19 Rosario during the previous Santa Fe legislative delegation's visit;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A sister state relationship between Santa Fe and
22 California would promote the likelihood of mutually beneficial
23 joint research projects between universities and businesses of the
24 two regions; and

25 WHEREAS, Santa Fe and California have temperate climates
26 and fertile ground conducive to agriculture and the two regions
27 have capitalized on these conditions to create prolific
28 export-oriented agricultural sectors with dairy being a key
29 component to both; and

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

33 WHEREAS, The government of the Province of Santa Fe has
34 enthusiastically pursued the deepening of ties with California
35 through periodic legislative visits and the enactment of a
36 proclamation in support of a sister state relationship; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature commit to formalizing

1 the sister state relationship between the Province of Santa Fe in
2 Argentina and the State of California; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That it is the intent of the Legislature through a sister
4 state relationship with the Province of Santa Fe to encourage and
5 facilitate social, economic, scientific, educational, and cultural
6 exchanges to further promote the prosperity of both regions and
7 to improve international understanding and goodwill between both
8 regions; and be it further

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

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