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Senate Resolution No. 39—Relative to immigration.

1 WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on the
2 principles of liberty and justice, and these principles enshrined in
3 our Declaration of Independence the self-evident truth that all
4 persons are created equal; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States was and continues to be built
6 by people of all ethnic, racial, gender, religious, and socioeconomic
7 backgrounds and is celebrated for its tolerance, diversity, and
8 freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest population of
10 immigrants in the United States whose contributions help to drive
11 this state to be the most economically successful and prosperous
12 in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Immigrants continue to develop and expand
14 businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create jobs in
15 California; and

16 WHEREAS, A study by the University of California, Los
17 Angeles, states that legalizing the status of undocumented
18 immigrants working and living in the United States would create
19 approximately \$1.5 trillion in additional gross domestic product
20 growth over the next 10 years and increase wages for all workers;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Immigrants fundamentally enrich the extraordinary
23 character of our nation with their unique cultures, heritages, and
24 experiences; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s short-term and long-term economic
2 and social health, security, and prosperity require policies that
3 allow individuals to become legal and enfranchised participants
4 in our society and economy; and

5 WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of California has officially
6 recognized the value and importance of immigrants in California
7 through the unanimous, bipartisan support of Senate Joint
8 Resolution 2, and Senate Resolution 35; and

9 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature has engaged in
10 thoughtful, respectful discourse on immigration and other
11 challenging issues, often uniting in bipartisan support and always
12 respecting the diverse individual views and beliefs of the
13 membership and of the people they represent; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States has experienced many
15 historic changes promoting civil rights and progressive social
16 change throughout the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States has also experienced
18 tragic events that remind us that more work is needed to achieve
19 equality and justice for all persons; and

20 WHEREAS, Recent events throughout the country have moved
21 the nation to engage in meaningful public dialogue on issues
22 including racial equality, gender equality, LGBT equality,
23 immigration, and other civil rights; and

24 WHEREAS, Negative, demonizing, and stereotypical rhetoric
25 has no place in the national political discourse; and

26 WHEREAS, Racist, hateful speech can incite severe and tragic
27 consequences; and

28 WHEREAS, Aspiring national leaders, in particular, have a
29 responsibility to engage the public on immigration reform and
30 other issues in a thoughtful and respectful way without disparaging
31 or negatively stereotyping communities or individuals; and

32 WHEREAS, Presidential candidates including Donald Trump
33 and Ted Cruz have unfairly demonized and falsely blamed
34 undocumented immigrant families for a range of problems and
35 challenges facing the United States; and

36 WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Donald Trump recently
37 stated that, “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending
38 their best. They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and
39 they’re bringing those problems with us. They’re bringing drugs.
40 They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists,”; and

1 WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Ted Cruz has defended
2 Presidential candidate Donald Trump’s racist remarks against
3 immigrant families and people of Mexican descent; and

4 WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Ted Cruz characterized
5 United States immigration as “policies [that] have encouraged
6 drug smugglers, child abusers, murderers, and other dangerous
7 criminals”; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
9 condemns discrimination in any form on the basis of race, ethnicity,
10 national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or
11 disability; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Senate calls for an end to hate speech and
13 racist rhetoric by all presidential candidates; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Senate condemns in the strongest terms
15 possible the racist rhetoric against immigrant families made by
16 Presidential candidate Ted Cruz; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Senate condemns in the strongest terms
18 possible the racist rhetoric against immigrant families made by
19 Presidential candidate Donald Trump; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Senate calls upon the State of California to
21 divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any
22 affiliated entities; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Senate calls upon private businesses and
24 individuals throughout California to end all business ties with
25 Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated
26 entities; and be it further

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