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Senate Resolution

No. 39

**Introduced by Senators Hall, De León, Galgiani, Glazer, Hueso,
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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

1 WHEREAS, Immigrants fundamentally enrich the extraordinary
2 character of our nation with their unique cultures, heritages, and
3 experiences; and

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States has experienced many
18 historic changes promoting civil rights and progressive social
19 change throughout the nation; and

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, Racist, hateful speech can incite severe and tragic
30 consequences; and

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

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

39 WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Donald Trump recently
40 stated that, “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending

1 their best. They're sending people that have lots of problems, and
2 they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs.
3 They're bringing crime. They're rapists,"; ~~and now, therefore, be~~
4 ~~it~~

5 ~~WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Ted Cruz has defended~~
6 ~~Presidential candidate Donald Trump's racist remarks against~~
7 ~~immigrant families and people of Mexican descent; and~~

8 ~~WHEREAS, Presidential candidate Ted Cruz characterized~~
9 ~~United States immigration as "policies [that] have encouraged~~
10 ~~drug smugglers, child abusers, murderers, and other dangerous~~
11 ~~criminals"; now, therefore, be it~~

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

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

18 ~~*Resolved, That the Senate condemns in the strongest terms*~~
19 ~~*possible the racist rhetoric against immigrant families made by*~~
20 ~~*Presidential candidate Ted Cruz; and be it further*~~

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

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

27 *Resolved, That the Senate calls upon private businesses and*
28 *individuals throughout California to end all business ties with*
29 *Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated*
30 *entities; and be it further*

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