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Senate Resolution No. 50—Relative to California-Mexico relations.

1 WHEREAS, On July 29, 2015, Senator Kevin De León, in his
2 position of President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate,
3 signed a letter of cooperation with Luis Miguel Gerónimo Barbosa
4 Huerta, President of the Senate of the Honorable Congress of
5 Mexico, setting forth their mutual intent to establish ongoing
6 mechanisms for collaboration to tackle shared problems and needs
7 between Mexico and California in appreciation of their
8 governments’ historical bonds and rising commercial exchanges;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, No fewer than 11.5 million individuals of Mexican
11 origin live in California and have been benefited from state laws
12 sharing various benefits of life in California, including, but not
13 limited to, education, health, legal assistance, and the issuance of
14 state driver’s licenses and professional work licenses, regardless
15 of the documented status of those individuals; and

16 WHEREAS, In recent years, the rising number of Mexicans
17 deported from the United States of America to Mexico has led to
18 grave consequences for vulnerable populations, including, among
19 others, minors born in the United States of America who face
20 barriers accessing the child welfare and education systems without
21 their parents; and

22 WHEREAS, The governments of California and Mexico are
23 actively handling the challenge of ensuring that minors impacted

1 by their parents' return to Mexico are expeditiously placed in
2 schools under the best circumstances possible; and

3 WHEREAS, A rising number of studies conducted by both the
4 federal government of the United States of America and Mexico
5 focus on better understanding the barriers to the reinsertion of
6 migrant minors and young people into the school system and
7 propose solutions to ensure educational opportunities for this
8 vulnerable population; and

9 WHEREAS, Climate change and air pollution cause severe harm
10 to public health and the environment, and these effects equally
11 flow between the borders of Mexico, California, and the rest of
12 the United States of America; and

13 WHEREAS, The economic benefits and job creation resulting
14 from the development and use of clean energy and energy efficient
15 machinery have been proven by experts at the University of
16 California and the National Autonomous University of Mexico;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, California and Mexico are rich in clean energy and
19 resources that help mitigate climate change, including, among
20 others, wind and solar energy; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate*
22 *agrees to cooperate with its best efforts to encourage between the*
23 *Senate and the government of Mexico all of the following:*

24 (a) Sharing methods to measure the scope of the problems faced
25 by minors who, because they are migrants, do not have access to
26 education.

27 (b) Sharing success stories regarding reinsertion of migrant
28 minors into the school system.

29 (c) Promoting the importance of safeguarding biculturalism as
30 a value that contributes to the formation of human capital.

31 (d) Providing psychological and emotional support and other
32 necessary services to migrant minors.

33 (e) Producing programs to train bilingual teachers.

34 (f) Updating mechanisms for bilingual cooperation, including,
35 among others, the Binational Migrant Education Program,
36 "PROBEM," and the Binational Migrant Education Teacher
37 Exchange Program.

38 (g) Exchanging information on public health, the environment,
39 the economy in the border region, and the regional impacts of

1 climate change, air pollution, and other important effects of
2 greenhouse gases.

3 (h) Establishing and coordinating technological exchanges
4 regarding clean energy and fuels, improved energy efficiency, and
5 other key elements of programs promoting the reduction of
6 greenhouse gas effects and increasing investment in clean energy.

7 (i) Promoting partnerships to expand and deepen regional
8 cooperation for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas effects
9 and pollution.

10 (j) Encouraging academic cooperation and the exchange of
11 information to better document the impact of climate change and
12 the actions needed to adapt to this impact on both sides of the
13 border.

14 (k) Promoting crossborder investment to increase the use of
15 clean energy and cleaner transportation options.

16 (l) Recommending legislation, in both California and Mexico,
17 to address the circumstances described in this resolution; and be
18 it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Senate shall actively participate in meetings
20 with the government of Mexico for the purpose of presenting and
21 discussing programs, projects, and legislation addressing the
22 circumstances described in this resolution by designating
23 representatives of the Senate to attend those meetings and report
24 the resulting recommendations to the Senate; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may
26 select the Senators who will attend meetings with the government
27 of Mexico and report the results to the Senate; and be it further

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

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