

Introduced by Senator Lara

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Senate Resolution No. 7—Relative to Mexico and human rights.

1 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, forty-three college
2 students from the Ayotzinapa Normal School in Guerrero, Mexico,
3 disappeared in Iguala, Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, Mexico’s Attorney General, Jesús Murillo Karam,
5 announced in a televised press conference on November 7, 2014,
6 that the evidence indicates the forty-three missing students had
7 been executed and incinerated in the municipal dump of Cocula,
8 Mexico, by the Guerreros Unidos cartel; and

9 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 25,000 to 26,000 people
10 have disappeared in Mexico since 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, The disappeared often include the very vulnerable,
12 such as poor migrants, indigenous people, and women and children;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, According to a report by Human Rights Watch,
15 the state and federal army units in Iguala failed to intervene to
16 protect the students; and

17 WHEREAS, The director of the American division of Human
18 Rights Watch, José Manuel Vivanco, described the murders in
19 Iguala, Mexico, and an earlier massacre in Tlatlaya, Mexico, as
20 “the worst atrocities we’ve seen in Mexico in years, but they are
21 hardly isolated incidents”; and

22 WHEREAS, There has been an international outcry regarding
23 the deaths of the missing students in Mexico from, among others,
24 the United Nations, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the
25 European Parliament, and the international human rights
26 community; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the
2 Senate adds its voice to those in the international community
3 condemning the disappearance and deaths of the missing college
4 students from Mexico as a violation of human rights; and be it
5 further

6 *Resolved,* That the Senate offers its support to all those in
7 Mexico standing up for human rights and justice against corruption
8 and violence; and be it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Senate urges the government of Mexico to
10 support further dialogue between the international community,
11 including the United States, and human rights organizations on
12 human rights reforms; and be it further

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