

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 19, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 55

Introduced by Senator Pan
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Frazier)

May 5, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to the centennial of the founding of Locke, California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 55, as amended, Pan. Centennial of the founding of Locke, California.

This measure would commemorate the centennial of the founding of Locke, California, would recognize and honor Locke, California, as the last remaining Chinatown in North America, and would urge all Californians to learn about the important history of Locke, California, and its inhabitants.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The year-~~2015~~, *2015* marks the centennial of the
2 founding of Locke, California; and
3 WHEREAS, Locke, California, is the only town in the United
4 States of America built exclusively by the Chinese for the Chinese,
5 and is the last remaining Chinatown in North America, as all other
6 Chinatowns are connected to, or lay adjacent to, an existing town
7 or city; and
8 WHEREAS, Locke, California, was found in 1915 after the
9 Chinese section of Walnut Grove, California, was destroyed by a

1 fire and the Chinese inhabitants decided that it was time to establish
2 a town of their own; and

3 WHEREAS, The inhabitants of Locke, California, have made
4 tremendous contributions to farming methods that spearheaded
5 California's leadership in agriculture, especially as it pertained to
6 pear orchards and asparagus fields; and

7 WHEREAS, Locke, California, was instrumental in reclaiming
8 swamps along the Sacramento River Delta and turning them into
9 rich arable farmlands; and

10 WHEREAS, Levee construction originally brought the Chinese
11 to the area, but by the time Locke, California, was built most of
12 the jobs in the area were in ~~farming and this farming, which~~
13 resulted in Locke, ~~California~~. *California*, having many businesses
14 that catered to the farm workers and residents of the region; and

15 WHEREAS, From the 1920s through the 1940s, Locke,
16 California, had a permanent population of 600, which swelled to
17 1,000 during the harvest season; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1970, Locke, California, was added to the
19 Registry of National Historic Places by the Sacramento County
20 Historical Society; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1990, Locke, California, was named as a
22 National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of
23 the Interior; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the
26 centennial of the founding of Locke, California, and urges all
27 Californians to learn about the important history of Locke,
28 California, and its inhabitants; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and honors Locke,
30 California, as the last remaining Chinatown in North America; and
31 be it further

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