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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 55

**Introduced by Senator Pan
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)**

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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 marks the centennial of the founding
2 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
10 fire and the Chinese inhabitants decided that it was time to establish
11 a town of their own; and

12 WHEREAS, The inhabitants of Locke, California, have made
13 tremendous contributions to farming methods that spearheaded
14 California's leadership in agriculture, especially as it pertained to
15 pear orchards and asparagus fields; and

16 WHEREAS, Locke, California, was instrumental in reclaiming
17 swamps along the Sacramento River Delta and turning them into
18 rich arable farmlands; and

19 WHEREAS, Levee construction originally brought the Chinese
20 to the area, but by the time Locke, California, was built most of
21 the jobs in the area were in farming, which resulted in Locke,
22 California, having many businesses that catered to the farm workers
23 and residents of the region; and

24 WHEREAS, From the 1920s through the 1940s, Locke,
25 California, had a permanent population of 600, which swelled to
26 1,000 during the harvest season; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1970, Locke, California, was added to the
28 Registry of National Historic Places by the Sacramento County
29 Historical Society; and

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

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the
35 centennial of the founding of Locke, California, and urges all
36 Californians to learn about the important history of Locke,
37 California, and its inhabitants; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and honors Locke,
2 California, as the last remaining Chinatown in North America; and
3 be it further

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

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