

Introduced by Senator Fuller

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Senate Resolution No. 77—Relative to postsecondary education.

1 WHEREAS, The economic competitiveness of California in the
2 economy requires a well-educated workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, Higher education is more important than ever
4 because it is an essential step to entering and remaining in the
5 middle class; and

6 WHEREAS, Because of the importance of higher education,
7 California should expand the opportunity to pursue and attain
8 higher education degrees to more people than have had that
9 opportunity in the past; and

10 WHEREAS, Public investment in higher education pays off, as
11 evidenced by the fact that workers with college degrees earn more
12 money, pay more taxes, and rely less on government services; and

13 WHEREAS, Students who experience higher education gain
14 respect, networking skills, and insight into cutting-edge technology
15 and are challenged to be more innovative; and

16 WHEREAS, Encouraging students of all ages to pursue
17 educational goals at all levels will prepare the next generation of
18 college students to be the driving force of California's future
19 economy; and

20 WHEREAS, California has lagged behind other states in college
21 attendance and graduation; and

22 WHEREAS, Attending college and graduating with an advanced
23 degree builds self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, and
24 perseverance. These qualities make a positive and significant
25 difference in a person's life and in his or her level of
26 accomplishments; and

1 WHEREAS, By an act of the registrar at National Day Calendar,
2 June 6 was declared National Higher Education Day; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
5 recognizes California's students, civic leaders, community
6 members, school administrators, colleges, and universities for their
7 important contribution in promoting the value of higher education
8 and therefore recognizes the month of June 2016 as Higher
9 Education Month; and be it further

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