
Introduced by Senator Wolk

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Senate Resolution No. 83—Relative to California county law libraries.

1 WHEREAS, Democratic societies are sustained by the trust that
2 the people invest in their government and the legal institutions and
3 systems that deliver justice; and

4 WHEREAS, Free and equal access to law-related information
5 is a cornerstone of a democratic and open society; and

6 WHEREAS, In the face of a national crisis, with growing
7 numbers of individuals who either cannot afford or cannot access
8 legal representation, California's county law libraries provide
9 access to justice by assisting self-represented litigants; and

10 WHEREAS, California's county law libraries are an essential
11 component of the justice system and reduce stress on the
12 overburdened court system; and

13 WHEREAS, California's county law libraries promote economic
14 recovery by helping small businesses, assisting individuals with
15 workforce reentry, and speeding resolution of disputes; and

16 WHEREAS, California's county law libraries are celebrating
17 125 years of service to the people of the State of California; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, that the Senate
20 commends county law libraries throughout the state for the
21 essential services they provide, recognizes August 17, 2016, as
22 County Law Library Day in California, and urges individuals and
23 institutions to observe this day with appropriate notice and
24 ceremony so that Californians may achieve a better understanding
25 and a deeper appreciation of the vital role of California's county

- 1 law libraries in accessing and delivering justice to the people of
- 2 the State of California; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.