

**Introduced by Senators Nielsen, Cannella, Fuller, Gaines, and
Morrell**

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Senate Resolution No. 85—Relative to Ukrainian Independence Day.

1 WHEREAS, The greatness of the United States is in large part
2 attributable to this country having been able, through the
3 democratic process, to achieve a harmonious national unity of its
4 people, even though they stem from the most diverse racial,
5 religious, and ethnic backgrounds; and
6 WHEREAS, The Ukrainian Declaration of Independence took
7 place on August 24, 1991; and
8 WHEREAS, On August 24, 2016, the Ukrainian American
9 community will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Ukrainian
10 Independence, and on this occasion, it is appropriate to make
11 special recognition of California's Ukrainian American citizens
12 and thank them for their countless contributions to our nation's
13 cultural, economic, and political heritage; and
14 WHEREAS, Ukraine has proven its commitment to democratic
15 ideals which were embodied in the restoration of its independence
16 in 1991 and the values and responsibilities associated with those
17 ideals; and
18 WHEREAS, For centuries, the people of Ukraine have yearned
19 and struggled to achieve freedom and independence while
20 preserving their religion, culture, language, and self-identity; and
21 WHEREAS, Ukrainian self-determination was evident in the
22 brave Ukrainian immigrants who settled on the shore of the United
23 States and contributed greatly to America by giving back to their
24 adopted homeland, while never forgetting their rich history, culture,
25 and heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, The perseverance and endurance of the Ukrainian
2 people in standing against hatred, tyranny, and aggression, and
3 their commitment to freedom, liberty, and independence, are
4 commendable; and

5 WHEREAS, California is proud to be home to people of
6 Ukrainian descent and benefits from the rich cultural heritage and
7 family values that are passed along to future generations through
8 the many Ukrainian musical, social, fraternal, educational, and
9 religious organizations; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That* the Senate
11 hereby recognizes August 24, 2016, as Ukrainian Independence
12 Day and calls upon the people of the state to observe the month
13 of August 2016 with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and
14 activities; and be it further

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