
Introduced by Senator Nguyen

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Cannella, Morrell, and
Vidak)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chang, Gonzalez, and Kim)

June 15, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 155—Relative to La Virgen de
Guadalupe.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 155, as introduced, Nguyen. La Virgen de Guadalupe:
recognition.

This act would commend the meaningful contributions that Latino
customs, such as the celebration of La Virgen de Guadalupe, make to
the diverse heritage of American society.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, La Virgen de Guadalupe has been recognized as
2 a remarkably significant cultural symbol for Latinos not only as a
3 religious icon, but also as a figure of pride; and
4 WHEREAS, La Virgen de Guadalupe is believed to have first
5 appeared to an indigenous man named Juan Diego on December
6 9, 1531, and has since brought warmth and great comfort to her
7 believers; and
8 WHEREAS, With a long history of devotion by her believers,
9 in 1754 Pope Benedict XIV granted her a proper feast and mass
10 on December 12 and since then La Virgen de Guadalupe has been
11 widely observed by millions of people from all over the world,
12 including in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Among a diverse Latino population in the United
2 States of over 55 million hard working and invaluable residents,
3 over 14 million of which live in the state of California, La Virgen
4 de Guadalupe, to this day, continues to be widely revered and has
5 assumed a cultural familiarity; and

6 WHEREAS, Latino cultural influence is apparent in California
7 through, among other things, music, the arts, the sciences, food,
8 humanities, business, and trade with each contributing to a stronger
9 and more prosperous community; and

10 WHEREAS, Today Latinos are proud to embrace their
11 multicultural roots and the day of La Virgen de Guadalupe is yet
12 another example of ways the Latino community contributes to the
13 vastly diverse and ever changing landscape of America's social
14 and cultural heritage; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commends the
17 meaningful contributions that Latino customs and traditions have
18 made to the rich, diverse heritage of American society and
19 encourages the celebration of the day of La Virgen de Guadalupe
20 in recognition of its profound cultural significance; and be it further

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