

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 165

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 111

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the American Legislative Exchange Council.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 165, Kaloogian. American Legislative Exchange Council.

This measure would congratulate the American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and would express heartfelt gratitude to and commend the council for its exemplary record of public service to its constituent states and to the republic.

WHEREAS, In 1973, a small group of Democratic and Republican state legislators met in Chicago and founded a bipartisan membership association to advocate the fundamental Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty, and named this new association the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); and

WHEREAS, Over the past quarter-century, ALEC has been at the forefront of the revitalization of the relationship between the states and the federal government in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has served as a counterweight against tendencies to centralize government further at the federal level by continuously striving to return as much power and as many resources as possible to the levels of government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, ALEC is now the largest bipartisan individual membership association of state legislators, with 3,000 state legislators, and 30 full-time staff members; and

WHEREAS, The 300 foundations, companies, and private sector members of ALEC form a vital public-private partnership that has stimulated a bounty of innovation and activity at the state level to the immense benefit of the citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, Through its nine national task forces on commerce and economic development; civil justice; criminal justice; education, energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture; health and human services; tax and fiscal policy; telecommunications and information technology; and trade transportation, ALEC has created vital public policy laboratories for the development of policy strategies and model legislation for dissemination to the states; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has provided and continues to provide a forum for innovation and communication among the members' states



through its task forces, publications, and cooperative public-private efforts to reach common sense, results-oriented policies; and

WHEREAS, During its first 25 years, ALEC has performed an immeasurable service to the people of this nation by preserving for each of us the opportunity to be effective participants in the greatest representative democracy on the face of the earth; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby congratulates the American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and expresses heartfelt gratitude to and commends the American Legislative Exchange Council for its exemplary record of public service to its constituent states and to the republic; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature extends to the American Legislative Exchange Council best wishes for a long and productive future; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Legislative Exchange Council.

