

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 55

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 31, Alpert. San Diego State University.

This measure would commend San Diego State University on the occasion of its celebration of 100 years of accomplishments.

WHEREAS, San Diego State University was founded 100 years ago, on March 13, 1897, when Governor James Budd signed legislation that established the San Diego Normal School for the purpose of training teachers to educate the growing population of the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Normal School helped establish the City of San Diego as a center of learning in the state, having begun its mission in rented classrooms in downtown San Diego with a student body comprised mostly of women interested in careers as teachers; and

WHEREAS, The school has evolved throughout its history into a full four-year university noted for its academic excellence and commitment to providing a sound education for the communities of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Following World War II, returning student veterans, who benefited from the GI Bill, brought their young families to the campus, and contributed their maturity and experience to the growing student body; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy delivered the commencement address in 1963, thereby confirming San Diego State University's increasing importance and prestige; and

WHEREAS, San Diego State University has since grown to become the undisputed leader of the California State University system with 28,000 students, and offering bachelors degrees in 76 subject areas, masters degrees in 54 subject areas, in addition to doctoral degrees in 10 subject areas; and

WHEREAS, The university continues to build its reputation for excellence and innovation as it develops and employs new technologies and academic disciplines, with a broad sense of responsibility for its students, its faculty, and the community it serves; and



WHEREAS, San Diego State University has a tradition of making important educational opportunities available to the region's diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, San Diego State University has steadfastly adapted to the needs of the community while embracing and championing constructive change; and

WHEREAS, San Diego State University has a great impact on California's economy by annually graduating 5,000 students to the work force, employing 3,898 persons, and having a total regional economic impact of over \$770,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The greater San Diego community will join together on March 15, 1997, to celebrate SDSU's Founders' Day, which will kick off a year-long celebration of the university's 100 years of outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That San Diego State University be commended during this historic celebration of a century of learning and a commitment to the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Stephen Weber, Ph.D., President of San Diego State University.

