

**House Resolution**

**No. 33**

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House Resolution No. 33—Relative to genocide.

1 WHEREAS, The United States, its major allies, and  
2 even its former enemies, have committed themselves to  
3 the principle that acts of genocide and other atrocities  
4 against civilians shall not go ignored as the world moves  
5 into the 21st century; and

6 WHEREAS, The 20th century was rife with genocidal  
7 activities of varying magnitude on virtually every  
8 segment of every continent, in nations developed and not  
9 yet developed, sometimes highly deliberate and  
10 efficiently systematized; and

11 WHEREAS, The turn of the century surprised us with  
12 yet another example of the dark side of human political

1 leadership in the Balkans, and the unexpected willingness  
2 of ordinary people to follow unspeakable orders; and

3 WHEREAS, An effort to document carefully and  
4 comprehend thoroughly the tragedies that occurred is  
5 essential in order that the world not repeat its mistakes,  
6 a concern especially relevant to those young people  
7 without direct contact with the ravages of the evils  
8 described; and

9 WHEREAS, The greatest multiracial, multiethnic, and  
10 multicultural entity in the world is the State of California,  
11 and it is not surprising that California should assert its  
12 leadership in the matter; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved*, That the Governor is requested to take the  
14 following actions: (a) provide funding for the California  
15 Institute for the Study of Genocide to study the causes,  
16 effects, and prevention of genocide; (b) involve the  
17 University of California and the California State  
18 University in this effort, utilizing eminent scholars in such  
19 fields as history, political science, psychology, and K-12  
20 teaching; and (c) emphasize the development of courses  
21 and curriculum on genocide issues for K-12 public  
22 education; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
24 transmit copies of this resolution to the author for  
25 appropriate distribution.

