

**House Resolution**

**No. 84**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Hertzberg and Baugh**

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House Resolution No. 84—Relative to commending the Honorable Denise Moreno Ducheny.

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Denise Moreno Ducheny,  
2 who has represented the 79th Assembly District as its  
3 Assembly Member for the past six years, has fulfilled the  
4 maximum term of service in the Assembly, and it is  
5 appropriate at this time to highlight her many  
6 achievements and to commend her for her illustrious  
7 record of service to the State of California; and

8 WHEREAS, Denise Moreno Ducheny was elected to  
9 the California State Assembly on April 12, 1994, in a  
10 special election, and was reelected in November 1994,  
11 1996, and 1998 to full terms representing the 79th  
12 Assembly District, which includes South San Diego,  
13 National City, and portions of Chula Vista; and

14 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Ducheny has served as  
15 Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, where she was  
16 the first San Diegan, first woman, and first Latino  
17 legislator ever to be appointed to this powerful position  
18 overseeing the state's multi-billion dollar spending plan,  
19 as well as serving as Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative  
20 Budget Committee and the Latino Legislative Caucus;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, She has most recently been a member of  
2 the Assembly Committees on Human Services,  
3 Information Technology, and Revenue and Taxation, the  
4 Select Committees on California Ports, Indian Gaming,  
5 the Commission of the Californias, and the Joint  
6 Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification, and she  
7 has previously served on the Assembly Committees on  
8 Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, Housing and  
9 Community Development, and Water, Parks and  
10 Wildlife, and as Chair of the Select Committee on  
11 California-Mexico Affairs; and

12 WHEREAS, Since her election to the Assembly, Denise  
13 Ducheny has successfully negotiated several state  
14 budgets that have provided funding for public schools,  
15 colleges, universities, state parks, natural resources,  
16 farmworker housing, and the largest tax relief package in  
17 history for working Californians; and

18 WHEREAS, Her tireless budget work has resulted in  
19 the continuous reduction in fees for University of  
20 California, California State University, and California  
21 Community College students and the reduction of park  
22 fees, as well as billions of dollars in additional funding for  
23 the successful Class-Size-Reduction program, millions of  
24 dollars for library books and instructional materials,  
25 additional financial aid awards for college students, and  
26 the expansion of the academic preparation and outreach  
27 programs helping disadvantaged students attend college;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Ducheny has authored  
30 landmark legislation, including the CALWorks Welfare  
31 Reform Act, the College Affordability Act, the Reverse  
32 Mortgage bill, the California Public School Library Act,  
33 the Indian Child Welfare Act, the California Public Beach  
34 Restoration Act, and legislation affecting vacant  
35 residential structures; and

36 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Ducheny has worked  
37 diligently to improve California's binational relationship  
38 with the Republic of Mexico by coordinating various  
39 agriculture, water and business tours with U.S. and  
40 Mexican officials, conducted several border meetings to



1 discuss cross-border business, transportation, education  
2 and health issues, and worked with federal elected and  
3 administrative officials to further enhance our  
4 cooperative relationships, including the establishment of  
5 a permanent Office of Binational Border Health to  
6 facilitate cooperation between health officials and health  
7 professionals in California and Mexico and to reduce the  
8 risk of disease in the border region; and

9 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Ducheny has tirelessly  
10 represented the best interests of youth in her district by  
11 facilitating tours for junior high school students to high  
12 tech and biotechnology companies to increase student  
13 participation in the sciences and to increase and develop  
14 the future work force in these areas, and she has also  
15 coordinated boat tours in San Diego Bay for  
16 disadvantaged students in south San Diego, and has been  
17 a staunch supporter of prevention programs that help  
18 youth keep away from drugs and crime; and

19 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the Assembly,  
20 Denise Ducheny has been recognized for her outstanding  
21 accomplishments by numerous agencies, organizations,  
22 and groups; and

23 WHEREAS, She was born in Southern California,  
24 received a four-year scholarship from  
25 Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corporation to attend  
26 Pomona College, where she graduated with a Bachelor of  
27 Arts degree in history, pursued studies in economic  
28 history at the University of Lund in Sweden, and obtained  
29 her Juris Doctor degree from the Southwestern  
30 University School of Law in Los Angeles and was  
31 admitted to the California State Bar in 1979, and she has  
32 been practicing law in South San Diego since that time;  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Ducheny previously  
35 served as an elected Trustee of the Governing Board of  
36 the San Diego Community College District, a member of  
37 the Board of Directors of the California Community  
38 College Trustees Association, and Chair of the Association  
39 of Latino Community College Trustees; and

1 WHEREAS, Denise Ducheny has been married for 20  
2 years to Al Ducheny; and

3 WHEREAS, Through her professional, public, and  
4 community activities, Denise Moreno Ducheny has made  
5 a significant impact on the people of the 79th Assembly  
6 District and throughout the state, and she will be sorely  
7 missed by those individuals with whom she has been  
8 associated; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*  
10 That the Honorable Denise Moreno Ducheny be honored  
11 for her outstanding service to the people of the 79th  
12 Assembly District and the people of California during her  
13 tenure as a Member of the California Assembly, and that  
14 the Members extend their heartiest best wishes for  
15 happiness and success in her future endeavors; and be it  
16 further

17 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
18 transmit a suitably prepared copy of this resolution to the  
19 Honorable Denise Moreno Ducheny.

