

**House Resolution**

**No. 85**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Hertzberg and Baugh**

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House Resolution No. 85—Relative to commending the Honorable Jim Cunneen.

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Jim Cunneen, who has  
2 represented the 24th Assembly District for the past six  
3 years, has announced his retirement as an Assembly  
4 Member and, upon this occasion, he is deserving of  
5 highest commendations for his record of dedicated  
6 service to his constituents and the State of California; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Jim Cunneen  
8 represents the 24th Assembly District, which is located in  
9 the heart of Silicon Valley, and his district includes  
10 Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte  
11 Sereno, and portions of Los Altos, Sunnyvale, and the San  
12 Jose neighborhoods of Almaden Valley, Blossom Valley,  
13 Cambrian, Santa Teresa, and Willow Glen; and

14 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen was first  
15 elected to the California State Assembly in 1994 and was  
16 re-elected in 1996 and again in 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen serves on the  
18 Assembly Education Committee, Environmental Safety  
19 and Toxic Materials Committee, and the International  
20 Trade and Development Committee, and he also was  
21 appointed to serve on the Joint Committee to develop a

1 new master plan for education that would include both  
2 K-12 and higher education; and

3 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the California State  
4 Assembly, he has served as Vice Chair of the Assembly  
5 Public Safety Committee, Assembly Revenue and  
6 Taxation, and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on  
7 Information Technology; and

8 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen was named  
9 Outstanding Legislator of the Year by the American  
10 Electronics Association for five years in a row: 1995, 1996,  
11 1997, 1998, and 1999; he was honored as recipient of the  
12 2000 American Electronics Association Lifetime  
13 Achievement Award; and he was named Legislator of the  
14 Year by the Girl Scouts, California Park and Recreation  
15 Society, California Council for Adult Education, and  
16 Planned Parenthood; and

17 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen also was  
18 recognized by the California Community College  
19 Faculty Members as First-Term Legislator of the Year  
20 and by the Boy Scouts of America as Distinguished  
21 Citizen of the Year, and he is also the recipient of the 1997  
22 Tomas Rivera Leadership Award from the National  
23 Hispanic University; and

24 WHEREAS, He received the 1998 Appreciation Award  
25 from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa  
26 Clara Valley for his leadership on integration, the 1998  
27 Visionary Award from the California Healthcare  
28 Institute, and in 1999, he was honored by the Legal  
29 Community Against Violence for his leadership on  
30 passing strong gun control legislation; and

31 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen is a former  
32 top aide for Congressman Tom Campbell, former State  
33 Senator Becky Morgan, and former Congressman Ed  
34 Zschau; and

35 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Cunneen has been  
36 active in the community, having served on the Great  
37 Schools Steering Committee which is part of Smart  
38 Valley, Inc., the Advisory Board of the Detwiler  
39 Computer for Kids Program, and the Advisory Board for



1 Kids Voting, and he also served on the Advisory Board for  
2 CHARITech from 1992 to 1996; and

3 WHEREAS, During his distinguished tenure with the  
4 California State Assembly, he has personally authored  
5 and coauthored numerous laws on education, the  
6 environment, public safety, and campaign finance  
7 reform, and has provided legislative leadership on  
8 important high tech issues; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his professional, public, and  
10 community activities, he has made a significant impact on  
11 the people of the 24th Assembly District and throughout  
12 the state, and he will be sorely missed by those individuals  
13 with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*  
15 That the Members take great pride in commending the  
16 Honorable Jim Cunneen for his outstanding service to the  
17 people of the 24th Assembly District and the people of  
18 California during his tenure as a Member of the California  
19 Assembly, and extend to him heartiest best wishes for  
20 happiness and success in his future endeavors.

21 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
22 transmit a suitably prepared copy of this resolution to the  
23 Honorable Jim Cunneen.

