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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

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February 27, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to the federal decennial census.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, as amended, Fuentes. Federal decennial census.

This measure would declare April 1, 2009, to be California Census Awareness Day to promote awareness of the upcoming federal decennial census in order to advance the goal of a complete and accurate count of all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution requires an
2 enumeration of the population every 10 years known as the United
3 States decennial census; and

4 WHEREAS, The next federal decennial census will occur on
5 April 1, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, A complete and accurate count of Californians is
7 critical to our state because census figures affect federal
8 congressional representation, state redistricting, federal formula
9 grant allocations, an estimated and state funding to local
10 governments and local programs for the next 10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, A high undercount in the upcoming census could
12 cost the state a seat in the House of Representatives for the first
13 time in history; and

14 WHEREAS, California benefits substantially from federal
15 programs tied to census figures, and an undercount of the state's
16 population would severely impact funding for health, human
17 services, education, and other programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite outreach efforts in connection with the
19 2000 census, 522,796 Californians were not counted, resulting in
20 a loss of \$1.5 billion in federal funding for the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Future outreach efforts depend on strong
22 partnerships with state, local, and tribal governments,
23 community-based organizations, faith-based groups, schools,
24 businesses, the media, and others; and

25 WHEREAS, Sufficient time is necessary to raise awareness,
26 promote education, and extend outreach strategies to complement
27 the United States Census Bureau's regional efforts; now, therefore,
28 be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares April 1, 2009,
31 to be California Census Awareness Day to promote awareness of
32 the upcoming federal decennial census in order to advance the
33 goal of a complete and accurate count of all Californians; and be
34 it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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5 CORRECTIONS:

6 Heading—Coauthors—Line 4.

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