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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 133

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to Earth Hour.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 133, as amended, John A. Perez. Earth Hour.

This measure would endorse efforts to raise awareness of global climate change and energy efficiency and would declare the hour of 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of March to be “Earth Hour” throughout the state. The measure would encourage city, county, and state employees, and businesses to turn off nonessential lights in government buildings, public schools, public landmarks, and other buildings for that hour on March 27, 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Communities throughout California are affected
- 2 by the impacts of global warming and are gravely concerned about
- 3 the future health of our planet; and

1 WHEREAS, There is growing public support for action to stop
2 global warming, and communicating a desire for change regarding
3 matters that impact our lives, such as global warming, is an
4 important part of democracy; and

5 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is both an international and local
6 symbolic event organized by the World Wildlife Fund to raise
7 awareness about climate change issues, to encourage businesses,
8 individuals, and governments to take actions to reduce their carbon
9 emissions and their impact on the environment in their daily lives
10 and operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Earth Hour asks all citizens, businesses,
12 government agencies, and commercial and noncommercial
13 establishments to voluntarily turn off all nonessential lighting for
14 one hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. on March 27, 2010, and
15 encourages citizens and businesses to commit to actions they can
16 take in the coming year to reduce their carbon footprints and
17 conserve energy; and

18 WHEREAS, This state has long been a national and international
19 leader on energy conservation and environmental stewardship
20 efforts, including the areas of air quality protection, energy
21 efficiency requirements, renewable energy standards, natural
22 resource conservation, and greenhouse gas emission standards;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is an opportunity for state agencies and
25 community energy awareness programs to promote information
26 and tools available to residents and businesses to increase energy
27 efficiency and decrease emissions and use of natural resources;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Extinguishing nonessential lights in all state
30 buildings and public landmarks for one hour and urging all
31 businesses and citizens to do the same demonstrates that the state
32 is concerned about climate change, that it stands with the rest of
33 the world in seeking solutions, and that it demands all elected
34 leaders act immediately to take measures that will help fight global
35 climate change, including enacting environmentally important
36 legislation; and

37 WHEREAS, Turning off all nonessential lights in government
38 buildings and public landmarks will serve as an important rallying
39 point for the worldwide energy conservation event, Earth Hour;
40 now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the state endorses efforts by the World
3 Wildlife Fund, through Earth Hour, to raise awareness of global
4 climate change and energy efficiency; and be it further

5 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages all city, county, and
6 state employees, as well as businesses to turn off all nonessential
7 lighting in government buildings, public schools, and public
8 landmarks, and inside business establishments for the hour between
9 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on March 27, 2010, to conserve energy and
10 raise awareness about global climate change as part of the
11 international event, Earth Hour; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the Legislature declares the last Saturday in
13 March, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to be “Earth Hour” throughout the
14 state; and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the office of the Governor and the Secretary
17 of the Senate.