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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 137

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

February 19, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 137—Relative to Latino Education and Advocacy Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 137, as amended, Carter. Latino Education and Advocacy Week.

This measure would declare the last week of March every year as a statewide week of advocacy for Latino education.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The strength of the California education system
2 and its place in a competitive global economy will depend largely
3 on future educational outcomes among Latino students; and
4 WHEREAS, Latinos emerged as the largest minority group in
5 the United States in the new millennium; and
6 WHEREAS, Statistically, since 1998, Latino children have
7 become the largest minority student demographic in United States
8 public schools; and
9 WHEREAS, Both Latino students and teachers have a high
10 mobility rate, are located in racially segregated communities with
11 high poverty rates, and attend schools with fewer resources,
12 staffing, and programs; and
13 ~~WHEREAS, Latino students, in general, are the most~~
14 ~~undereducated segment of the United States population, and are~~

1 ~~more than twice as likely to be undereducated than all other~~
2 ~~minority groups combined; and~~

3 WHEREAS, Latino students have *among* the highest dropout
4 rate, score among the lowest on achievement tests, and have low
5 college enrollment rates; and

6 WHEREAS, One-half of all Latino students currently fail to
7 graduate high school, and have had little progress in increasing
8 college graduation rates over the last few decades; and

9 WHEREAS, Latino students represent an opportunity to increase
10 diversity, strengthen the tax, labor, consumption, and investment
11 pool, and increase ties with Mexico and Latin America; and

12 WHEREAS, Beginning March 29, 2010, California State
13 University, San Bernardino, College of Education will host its
14 inaugural Latino Education and Advocacy Week summit; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That every year the last week of March is
18 hereby declared as a statewide week of advocacy for Latino
19 education; and be it further

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