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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 137

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

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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 have among the highest dropout
14 rate, score among the lowest on achievement tests, and have low
15 college enrollment rates; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Beginning March 29, 2010, California State
23 University, San Bernardino, College of Education will host its
24 inaugural Latino Education and Advocacy Week summit; now,
25 therefore, be it

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

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