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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 183

Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula, Bass, Davis, Evans,
and Portantino)
(Coauthors: Senators Emmerson and Liu)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 183—Relative to California Adoption Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 183, as amended, Fletcher. California Adoption Month.

This measure would declare November 2010 to be California Adoption Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of this state to increase
2 awareness regarding the adoption of children and youth from foster
3 care; and

4 WHEREAS, Every child in California should live in a safe,
5 stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Every child needs and deserves to feel love and a
8 sense of belonging, and have the continuity of family and loved
9 ones to support and guide them in their lives; and

10 WHEREAS, The efforts throughout our great state of public
11 and private adoption agencies, *lawyers, and other adoption*
12 *professionals* that work tirelessly to find the best family support

1 for children and youth who cannot safely return to their own
2 families, and the efforts of child welfare jurisdictions that are
3 increasingly placing an emphasis on permanency in their policy
4 and practice, should be acknowledged and supported; and

5 *WHEREAS, There are many forms of adoption in California,*
6 *including agency adoptions, independent adoptions, relative*
7 *adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and guardianships, that assist*
8 *children and prospective parents in building families; and*

9 WHEREAS, The very important need to find and support
10 permanent homes for California's children and youth in foster care
11 should also be acknowledged and supported; and

12 WHEREAS, Children with loving, caring, and involved parents
13 can better realize their full potential and thrive by encouragement
14 from their parents to aim high, work hard, and make the right
15 choices that will lead to a healthy and satisfying life; and

16 WHEREAS, During the 2008–09 fiscal year, over 7,250 children
17 were adopted in the State of California; and

18 WHEREAS, There are over 62,500 children in the California
19 foster care system; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 18,000 of the children in foster care are
21 awaiting adoption into a permanent home; and

22 WHEREAS, There are millions of children worldwide awaiting
23 permanent, safe, loving homes; and

24 WHEREAS, Six in 10 Americans have had a personal
25 experience with adoption; meaning they, a family member, or a
26 close friend was adopted, has adopted a child, or has placed a child
27 for adoption; and

28 WHEREAS, Loving and nurturing families are formed every
29 day when committed and dedicated individuals make an important
30 difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

31 WHEREAS, In the United States, over 1.7 million families have
32 created homes for adopted children; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares November 2010*
35 *to be California Adoption Month; and be it further*

36 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
37 *of this resolution for appropriate distribution.*