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**Introduced by Senator Steinberg**

March 16, 2009

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Chabad Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 23, as introduced, Steinberg. Chabad Day.

This measure would proclaim March 23 as Chabad Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California's Jewish community has been active in  
2 the formation of the state since the Gold Rush in 1849; and

3 WHEREAS, In the Jewish world, the concept of mitzvah – the  
4 Jewish belief in doing good deeds - is a core belief in the Jewish  
5 community and religion; and

6 WHEREAS, There are many branches of Judaism active in  
7 California today; and

8 WHEREAS, Social and charitable organizations that provide  
9 community services, such as Chabad, have established themselves  
10 in California; and

11 WHEREAS, The Jewish social organization that is named  
12 Chabad was established in this state in 1965, as a branch of the  
13 worldwide Chabad-Lubavitch movement under the leadership of  
14 the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Since Chabad has been established in California,  
17 it has created the largest network of educational and social services  
18 on the West Coast, including over 225 community centers, the  
19 National Drug Rehabilitation Center, numerous day schools, and

1 30 summer camps that offer scholarships for underprivileged  
2 children, children of the military, and new immigrants; and  
3 WHEREAS, Chabad’s “L’Chaim-To Life!” Telethon was  
4 established 29 years ago with the goal of uniting and educating  
5 the entire community – from civic leaders and celebrities to  
6 politicians, including men, women, and children of all races and  
7 religions – for a night of song, dance, and hope; and  
8 WHEREAS, The state and its residents have continually  
9 commended community-based organizations, such as Chabad, that  
10 have tried to achieve the goal of “making this world a place of  
11 goodness and kindness”; and  
12 WHEREAS, The state recognizes the contributions that  
13 community-based organizations provide to the state and its  
14 residents through community service, in an effort to better the lives  
15 of the residents of our great state; now, therefore be it  
16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 23 as  
18 Chabad Day in California; and be it further  
19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all residents to do mitzvahs  
20 – one or more acts of goodness and kindness -- each and every  
21 day; and be it further  
22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.