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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to National Library Week.

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SCR 27, as introduced, Wolk. National Library Week.

This measure would declare April 12 to April 18, 2009, inclusive, as National Library Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, National Library Week is being celebrated in public  
2 libraries throughout California from April 12 to April 18, 2009,  
3 inclusive; and  
4 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are centers for  
5 education, information, knowledge, and entertainment; and  
6 WHEREAS, California's public libraries and librarians advance  
7 teaching and learning by helping the general public, students,  
8 faculty, and researchers obtain the best, most accurate, and  
9 complete information; and  
10 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are changing and  
11 dynamic places, offering books, computers, Internet access, e-mail  
12 reference, and other innovative services to connect their users with  
13 ideas and information; and  
14 WHEREAS, California's public libraries provide technology  
15 training for library users of all ages and help to bridge the "digital

1 divide” for those who do not have access to technology at home  
2 or at school; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 21 million people use California’s public  
4 libraries each year; and

5 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries change lives by serving  
6 over 20,000 adults annually through unique, confidential, and  
7 customized literacy services delivered primarily through trained  
8 volunteers. These volunteers contribute over 750,000 hours  
9 annually to assist adults in learning how to read, thus helping adults  
10 to achieve goals such as obtaining a driver’s license, writing a  
11 resume, obtaining employment, or reading a book to a child for  
12 the first time; and

13 WHEREAS, The students of California are a rapidly growing  
14 group of library users, visiting the state’s libraries after school and  
15 on weekends for homework assistance and for materials to use in  
16 school assignments; and

17 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries are important  
18 community educational resources, providing books, and innovative  
19 programs and services such as preschool literacy readiness, Toddler  
20 Times, the Summer Reading Program, Homework Help Centers,  
21 Grandparents and Books, and Reach Out and Read in conjunction  
22 with pediatric clinics; and

23 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries provide equal and  
24 economical services to library users, and in many cases, serve as  
25 a community’s only point of access to resources for learning; and

26 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries preserve our cultural  
27 heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; now, therefore,  
28 be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of April  
31 12 to April 18, 2009, inclusive, as National Library Week, and  
32 commends California’s public libraries, librarians, and all library  
33 workers for enriching the lives of California residents and helping  
34 to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work;  
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
37 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.