

Introduced by Senator Wolk

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to National Library Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 78, as introduced, Wolk. National Library Week.

This measure would declare April 11 to April 17, 2010, inclusive, as National Library Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, National Library Week is being celebrated in public
2 libraries throughout California from April 11 to April 17, 2010,
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
16 divide” for those who do not have access to technology at home
17 or at school; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, this year the California State Library will be
25 celebrating its 160th year of providing technical assistance and
26 consultation to California’s public libraries, and preserving and
27 hosting an abundance of California’s priceless historical items;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries preserve our cultural
30 heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of April
34 11 to April 17, 2010, inclusive, as National Library Week, and
35 commends California’s public libraries, librarians, and all library
36 workers for enriching the lives of California residents and helping
37 to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work;
38 and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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