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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 98

Introduced by Senator Lieu

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to the United States Constitution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, as amended, Lieu. United States Constitution.

This measure would commemorate the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2012, and the contributions of historical, educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not limited to, the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in promoting the values embodied in the United States Constitution.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The American Revolution secured the
2 independence of the United States and made possible the vibrant
3 system of self-government of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The supporters of the American Revolution,
5 through their vision and determination, enhanced the lives of
6 countless individuals and made possible the system of equal justice,

1 limited government, and rule of law that exists in the United States;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The people who fought in the American Revolution
4 made great sacrifices for their fledgling country; and

5 WHEREAS, The 55 delegates who attended the Constitutional
6 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 225 years ago, and the
7 39 delegates who signed the United States Constitution at the
8 Constitutional Convention irrevocably changed the course of
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, ~~The Constitution of the~~ United States *Constitution*,
11 a revered and living document, provides important rights to every
12 citizen of the United States, secures “the Blessings of Liberty to
13 ourselves and our Posterity,” and sets the standard of democracy
14 for the world; and

15 WHEREAS, The delegates to the Constitutional Convention in
16 1787 established the imperative precedent of compromise; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, and its
18 amendments, outline the freedoms and the principles of
19 representative government that are as strong today as they were
20 on that momentous occasion in 1787; and

21 WHEREAS, September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary
22 of the signing of the United States Constitution, which is the
23 supreme law of the land and the document by which the people of
24 this country self-govern; and

25 WHEREAS, To venerate the immeasurable importance of the
26 United States Constitution and the day on which it was signed, it
27 is essential to continually educate and celebrate the principles and
28 legacy of the Founding Fathers; and

29 WHEREAS, Members, volunteers, and staff of historical,
30 educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not limited to,
31 the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution,
32 and the California Society of the Daughters of the American
33 Revolution, play an important role in promoting patriotism,
34 preserving the history of the United States, and educating the public
35 about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; now, therefore,
36 be it

37 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the 225th
39 anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on

1 September 17, 2012, and recognizes the sacrifices made by the
2 people who made the signing possible; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the continuing
4 contributions made by the members, volunteers, and staff of
5 historical, educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not
6 limited to, the California Society of the Sons of the American
7 Revolution and the California Society of the Daughters of the
8 American Revolution, in promoting patriotism and the values
9 embodied in the United States Constitution; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.