

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 82

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 70

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to a sister state relationship with Jalisco, Mexico.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 82, Hueso. Jalisco, Mexico: sister state relationship.

This measure would recommit to formalizing the sister state relationship between the State of Jalisco, Mexico, and California.

WHEREAS, The State of California and the State of Jalisco, Mexico, share a mutually beneficial economic relationship that includes trade, investments, and commerce in the areas of high technology manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, and other important industries; and

WHEREAS, Guadalajara is the largest technology center in Mexico and it is increasingly recognized as an incubator for small-scale technology startups and a main producer of software, electronics, and digital products in Mexico and has been called “Mexico’s Silicon Valley”; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the economic relationship, the people and cultural heritage of the State of Jalisco have enriched art and culture in the State of California in a variety of ways, including the tradition and folklore of “mariachi” music, a stone kiosk donated to the City of Los Angeles by Governor Cárdenas as a symbol of goodwill and cultural interchange, the naming of the State of California by Governor Cárdenas as the honored guest of the Sixth International Mariachi Festival held in the Capital City of Guadalajara from August 28 through September 5, 1999, and the commemoration of the “Day of the Jalisciense Abroad” in the State of Jalisco to strengthen ties with the Mexican community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Generations of people from the State of Jalisco reside in the State of California, belonging to numerous hometown associations from the State of Jalisco and representing the most populous Mexican community in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The State of California and the State of Jalisco have supported cooperative research by universities in California and Jalisco to promote bilateral economic development and to stimulate employment in Mexican immigrant-sending communities, thereby providing mutual benefit to the people of the State of California and the State of Jalisco; and

WHEREAS, Since the approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 183 authored by Assembly Member Firebaugh in 2000, California legislators have proactively promoted mutual goodwill and bilateral cooperation through good faith visits to the State of Jalisco, in which they met with elected

officials and business leaders to discuss binational trade and techniques to better promote economic development between the State of Jalisco and the State of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, recommit to formalizing the sister state relationship between the State of Jalisco in Mexico and the State of California for its mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the intent of the Legislature through a sister state relationship with the State of Jalisco:

(1) To promote the economic growth and well-being of small, medium, and large companies in California by increasing their potential for trade and investment with the State of Jalisco.

(2) To provide a forum for sustained goodwill and cooperation between the elected leaders of the State of California and the State of Jalisco.

(3) To promote bilateral ties that lead to a more indelible and lasting relationship between the citizens of California and the citizens of Jalisco; and be it further

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