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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 166**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Fletcher and Coto**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 166—Relative to Spirit of ‘45 Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 166, as amended, Fletcher. Spirit of ‘45 Day.

This measure would declare the Legislature’s support for the observance of “Spirit of ‘45 Day” on the second Sunday in August to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on August 14, 1945.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On August 14, 1945, the people of the United  
2 States received the news that World War II had ended; and

3 WHEREAS, On that day, people in the United States and around  
4 the world greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous  
5 celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

6 WHEREAS, The victory marked the culmination of an  
7 unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression,  
8 brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of  
9 the Holocaust; and

10 WHEREAS, These historic accomplishments were achieved  
11 through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people  
12 of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those  
13 who supported them on the home front; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in  
15 service to their country during World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the  
17 war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding  
18 in which the United States led the effort to restore the shattered  
19 nations of the Allies and their enemies alike and to create  
20 institutions to work towards a more peaceful global community;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The men and women of the World War II  
23 generation created an array of organizations and institutions during  
24 the postwar era which helped to strengthen American democracy  
25 by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to  
26 community and country; and

27 WHEREAS, The courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and  
28 compassion of the World War II generation has inspired subsequent  
29 generations in the United States Armed Forces, including the men  
30 and women currently in service in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around  
31 the world; and

32 WHEREAS, The entire World War II generation, military and  
33 civilian alike, has provided a model of unity and community that  
34 serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations  
35 of Americans to come together to work for the continued  
36 betterment of the United States and the world; now, therefore, be  
37 it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature supports the observance  
40 of "Spirit of '45 Day" on the second Sunday in August to

- 1 commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on
- 2 August 14, 1945; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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