

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 166

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 introduced, 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

1 WHEREAS, These historic accomplishments were achieved
2 through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people
3 of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those
4 who supported them on the home front; and

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

7 WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the
8 war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding
9 in which the United States led the effort to restore the shattered
10 nations of the Allies and their enemies alike and to create
11 institutions to work towards a more peaceful global community;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The men and women of the World War II
14 generation created an array of organizations and institutions during
15 the postwar era which helped to strengthen American democracy
16 by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to
17 community and country; and

18 WHEREAS, The courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and
19 compassion of the World War II generation has inspired subsequent
20 generations in the United States Armed Forces, including the men
21 and women currently in service in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around
22 the world; and

23 WHEREAS, The entire World War II generation, military and
24 civilian alike, has provided a model of unity and community that
25 serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations
26 of Americans to come together to work for the continued
27 betterment of the United States and the world; now, therefore, be
28 it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature supports the observance
31 of “Spirit of ‘45 Day” on the second Sunday in August to
32 commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on
33 August 14, 1945; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide copies
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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