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ACR-83 The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls: 50th anniversary. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83

CHAPTER 136

Relative to the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 83, Campos. The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls: 50th anniversary.

This measure would congratulate the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls on the celebration of its 50th anniversary, and recognize and commend the commission for its various contributions and accomplishments.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is celebrating its 50th anniversary, its many achievements, and its significant impact on California's women and girls; and

WHEREAS, The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is an agency of state government, created in 1965 by the California State Legislature, and is mandated to challenge discrimination against women and girls in California, promote equity for women and girls, and encourage their full economic and social participation in this state; and

WHEREAS, The commission is the only state agency that focuses exclusively on issues relating to the needs and concerns of California's women and girls; and

WHEREAS, The commission examines any laws, practices, or conditions concerning or affecting women and girls that impose special limitations or burdens upon them or upon society, or that limit or tend to limit opportunities available to women and girls; and

WHEREAS, The commission promotes standards and best practices for equity for women and girls and acts as an information and referral center on issues that affect the lives of women and girls; and

WHEREAS, During the past 50 years, the commission has contributed to the development of public policy in the areas of women's health and safety, equal opportunity in education and employment, child and other dependent care, economic security, family law, sexual harassment, violence against women, human trafficking, women in prison, gender equity in the media, and women in the military, women veterans, and military families; and

WHEREAS, The commission has sponsored public hearings and educational forums in collaboration with California's state legislative committees, local commissions on the status of women and girls, and other state agencies and women's organizations, and is a trusted ally to advocates and community groups; and

WHEREAS, The commission strives to develop innovative initiatives with government and the business and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, The commission has developed innovative partnerships with the Department of Veterans Affairs to support women veterans, with the State Department of Education to expand Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education for women and girls, and with the Office of Emergency Services on the State Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Victim Services; and

WHEREAS, The commission continues to address emerging issues affecting the diverse population of California's women and their families; and

WHEREAS, The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls has a comprehensive agenda to promote the full potential and contribution of the more than 19 million women and girls in the state of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls be congratulated on the celebration of its 50th anniversary, recognized for its contributions to improving public policy impacting the lives of California's women and girls, commended for the continued vision and commitment of its past and present members and their staff on behalf of California's women and girls, and that best wishes be extended for the continued success of the Commission in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.