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ACR-186 California Fairground Appreciation Month. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 186

CHAPTER 128

Relative to California Fairground Appreciation Month.

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ACR 186, Bigelow. California Fairground Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month and commend the directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, nonprofits, and Californians who support and attend fairground events.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, California's 76 fairgrounds represent an important public asset, providing public recreation, education, and community unity to more than 20 million Californians every year; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds provide vital emergency services as fire camps, disaster relief centers, and training and staging areas; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds accommodate both those actively involved in emergency relief efforts and those displaced by disasters and serve as a temporary home; and

WHEREAS, More than one dozen fairgrounds served in emergency response capacities in 2015 alone; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds serve as year-round centers for economic activities, generating millions of dollars in tax and employment income for the state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds provide a unique and unparalleled platform for nonprofit events and charitable efforts that in turn provide a wide variety of important social services, including food drives, blood drives, pet adoptions, scholarships, and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the Golden State's proud agricultural history and foster the education of future generations about the connection between food and farming; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are gathering places for the state's diverse ethnic populations, veterans groups, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the conservation of natural resources, including water, and the importance of water to California farms and cities; and

WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are supported by thousands of volunteers from the boardroom to the parking lot and livestock barns; and

WHEREAS, The 76 fairgrounds within California deserve great respect and admiration for their services to California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month in appreciation for the services given to California by the 76 fairgrounds in the state; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends the thousands of directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, and nonprofits, as well as the millions of Californians, who support and attend fairground events year round; and be it further

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