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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 32

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Acosta, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Baker, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Bocanegra, Bonta, Burke, Caballero, Cervantes, Chau, Chávez, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Dababneh, Daly, Eggman, Flora, Frazier, Friedman, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gomez, Gonzalez Fletcher, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Kalra, Lackey, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Rendon, Reyes, Rodriguez, Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, and Wood)

April 19, 2017

Relative to the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles civil unrest.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 32, as amended, Ridley-Thomas.

WHEREAS, April 29, ~~1992~~, 2017, marks the 25th anniversary of a controversial verdict that exonerated four policemen, which ~~sparked the Los Angeles civil unrest~~; *culminated in civil unrest in Los Angeles, California*; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles civil unrest, *in* which ~~killed~~ 53 people *died* and ~~injured~~ 2,300 ~~others~~, *exposed others were injured*, *exacerbated* racial tensions, economic inequities, and institutional dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Thomas Bradley *and other leaders* empowered an investigatory ~~body~~ *commission* chaired by *then attorney* Warren ~~Christopher, who~~ *Christopher (who* later became the ~~United States~~ *U.S.* Secretary of ~~State, and State~~), *also included* concerned ~~citizens~~; *citizens, and became known as the Christopher Commission*; and

WHEREAS, The Christopher Commission was established in the wake of the Rodney King beating to conduct a full ~~investigation~~ *into and fair examination of* the structure and operations of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD); and

WHEREAS, The Christopher Commission Report conducted a study of the LAPD and found extensive cases of physical abuse by LAPD officers; and

WHEREAS, The Christopher Commission Report also noted computer and radio transmissions between officers that reflected degrading language ~~used to respond to 911 calls involving African Americans;~~ *about people of color;* and

WHEREAS, The Christopher Commission Report further noted that an LAPD survey of 960 officers found that approximately one-quarter of 650 officers responding agreed that "racial bias (prejudice) on the part of officers toward minority citizens currently exists and contributes to a negative interaction between the police and the community." More than one-quarter of the poll's respondents agreed that "an officer's prejudice towards the suspect's race may lead to the use of excessive force"; and

WHEREAS, Following the Los Angeles civil unrest and after the ~~mass exposure of the~~ corruption ~~scandal~~ in the Rampart division of the LAPD, the ~~LAPD~~ *department* entered into a federal consent decree to eliminate the LAPD's patterns of engaging in excessive force, false arrests, and unreasonable searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, Race relations in Los Angeles have improved since 1992 according to a 2012 survey conducted by the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University; and

WHEREAS, Some studies have suggested that the Los Angeles civil unrest in 1992 ultimately cost the city nearly \$4 billion in taxable sales and over \$125 million in direct sales tax revenue, which was in addition to \$1 billion in property damage; and

WHEREAS, South Los Angeles remains economically disadvantaged relative to other communities in Los Angeles, with high unemployment and poverty, poor health outcomes, and crime rates that are higher relative to other neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly seeks to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles civil unrest as a dark chapter in California's history that ~~catalyzed significant reforms to police community relations;~~ *must not be forgotten as we strive for improved relations between communities, in particular communities of color, and law enforcement;* and be it further

~~Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly urges the development of public and private solutions to address disparities in the following areas: education, employment, housing, health care, and working toward an impartial administration of justice; and be it further~~

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

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.