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HR-66 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 66

Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Reyes

~~(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry and Quirk-Silva)~~ (Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Quirk-Silva, and Thurmond)

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September 06, 2017

Relative to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 66, as amended, Gipson.

WHEREAS, The program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was created through an executive action signed by President Barack Obama in August 2012; and

WHEREAS, Many immigrant parents bring their family to the United States to provide them with greater opportunities for access to the “American Dream”; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 790,000 young unauthorized immigrants have received work permits and deportation relief through the federal government’s DACA program; and

WHEREAS, DACA gives unauthorized immigrants who came to the United States before 16 years of age, known as Dreamers, a chance to stay in the United States to study or work, provided that they meet certain conditions such as being enrolled in high school or having a high school degree or GED equivalent, and not having a serious criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, Those approved for the program are given a work permit and protection from deportation for two years, and these benefits can be renewed; and

WHEREAS, California has the highest number of DACA recipients at 222,795 out of almost 800,000; and

WHEREAS, The immigrant population is very diverse, including peoples from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities. In 2015, 47 percent of immigrants reported their race as White, 27 percent as Asian, 9 percent as Black, and 15 percent as some other race; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2014 American Community Survey, of the 22 million immigrants who were undocumented, 7.2 percent were Black; and

WHEREAS, Among the top 15 countries of origin for undocumented immigrants, a broad range of countries are represented, including Mexico, China, India, Canada, and Haiti; and

WHEREAS, The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy has reported that undocumented immigrants in California paid \$2.2 billion in state and local taxes in 2010, including \$1.8 billion in sales taxes, \$152.1 million in state income taxes, and \$302.8 million in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, DACA is popular with the public and enjoys the support of employers, educators, community leaders, and elected officials from both parties. According to a Morning Consult and Politico poll in April 2017, 78 percent of American voters support giving Dreamers the chance to stay permanently in America; and

WHEREAS, California has nearly 10 million immigrants. Regardless of their immigration status, they deserve equal protection under the law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly condemns President Donald Trump's rescision of DACA; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly urges the President of the United States to stand by those who were brought as children to this country as the United States is the only country they know; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly supports a comprehensive and workable approach to solving our nation's historically broken immigration system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to take affirmative steps toward development of a bipartisan and more effective version of DACA that provides a pathway to citizenship; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 6.
