



SR-100 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 100

Introduced by Senators McGuire, Allen, Dodd, Glazer, Hertzberg, Hill, Jackson, Monning, Skinner, Stern, and Wiener

April 04, 2018

Relative to Save the Redwoods League

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 100, McGuire.

WHEREAS, The mission of Save the Redwoods League is to protect and restore redwood forests and connect people with their peace and beauty so these wonders of the natural world flourish; and

WHEREAS, Since the founding of Save the Redwoods League in 1918, its focus has been the protection of the iconic coast redwood and giant sequoia forests; and

WHEREAS, Redwood forests house the tallest, largest trees on earth that grow to be more than 3,500 years old; and

WHEREAS, The redwoods are California's state tree, and their old-growth forests serve as the most effective forest-based carbon sink in the world, storing three times or more carbon per acre than any other forest ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, After the 1849 Gold Rush, demand for lumber devastated ancient redwood forests from California to Oregon. Today, only 5 percent of the original coast redwood range remains and the giant sequoia stand exists only in small, scattered groves along California's Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Save the Redwoods League has protected over 204,000 acres of redwood forests and has helped establish 66 redwood parks and reserves throughout the trees' natural range; and

WHEREAS, The Save the Redwoods League has worked to restore redwood forests through innovation, science, and technology that has led to improved stewardship and accelerated forest regeneration; and

WHEREAS, The Save the Redwoods League's work is based on conservation biology, research, and the improvement of greater understanding and appreciation of redwoods; and

WHEREAS, The redwood forests are true wonders of the world inspiring more than 31 million visitors every year in California's redwood parks; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the Save the Redwoods League has touched the lives of hundreds of millions of people by connecting them to the power and beauty of nature, inspiring them with the patient resilience of ancient redwood forests, and offering hope that the spectacular grandeur of California's redwood forests can be maintained and enjoyed for future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate recognizes September 15 to October 15, inclusive, as the 100th anniversary of the Save the Redwoods League and urges the people of California to share in this event by celebrating California's redwoods and supporting their conservation and restoration into the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the Save the Redwoods League for its 100 years of leadership in protecting and restoring California's redwood forests, saving hundreds of thousands of acres of precious, ancient groves, creating parks that inspire millions of visitors from around the world, and advancing research that has greatly enhanced our understanding of this treasured forest resource; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate hereby declares 2018 as the Year of the Redwoods; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.