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HR-44 (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Choi

June 11, 2019

Relative to freedom of speech.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 44, as amended, Choi.

WHEREAS, The state's elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education systems, especially the postsecondary education system, ~~is the epicenter~~ *are the epicenters* of ideas and growth for social interaction and societal strength; and

~~WHEREAS, The Legislature and the people of California reject oppressive speech codes, censorship, political correctness, and every other attempt to stop people from challenging ideas; and~~

WHEREAS, The greatest protection we have from oppression and tyranny comes from the ability to openly critique each other and the ideas put forward by one another; and

WHEREAS, While we enjoy freedom of speech, we, in no way, promote insensitive or ~~hateful inspiring~~ *hate-inspiring* speech, but acknowledge that all forms of speech must be protected to ensure future freedoms, and interpretations of those freedoms, for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The state has a responsibility to protect the freedom of speech to cultivate broad ideas and civic preparedness for all California students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Legislature promotes freedom of speech throughout the state's education systems, and commemorates the ~~importance, and foundation that our nation celebrates uniquely in the world, of protecting freedom of speech and~~ *unique and fundamental importance of protecting and celebrating freedom of speech*, the First Amendment to the United States ~~and California Constitutions; Constitution, and Section 2 of Article I of the California Constitution;~~ and be it further

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