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**SR-10** (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE RESOLUTION

**NO. 10**

Introduced by Senator Hertzberg

January 10, 2019

Relative to the 25th Anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 10, Hertzberg.

WHEREAS, On January 17, 1994, at 4:30 a.m. in the San Fernando Valley region of the County of Los Angeles, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake hit; and

WHEREAS, The shaking lasted up to 10 to 20 seconds and was felt as far away as San Diego and Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, As aftershocks continued, parts of the city were in ruins within minutes; homes disappeared, fires erupted, businesses fell, and parking structures crumbled; and

WHEREAS, At least 60 people died and more than 9,000 were injured, and more than 20,000 people were displaced from their homes; and

WHEREAS, Among the wreckage in the aftermath of the earthquake were 7,000 single-family homes, 5,000 mobilehomes, and about 49,000 apartments that were destroyed or severely damaged, and 57,000 single-family homes suffered substantial damage from shaking and subsequent fires; and

WHEREAS, In total, more than 100,000 homes suffered significant damage from the earthquake and its aftermath, and more than 125,000 people experienced temporary homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Five days after the earthquake, it was estimated that between 40,000 and 60,000 residents were still without public water; and

WHEREAS, Seven freeway bridges collapsed and 212 other bridges were damaged; and

WHEREAS, The earthquake sparked fires and affected communication, water, and power systems; and

WHEREAS, The direct cause of the earthquake was a previously unknown fault 9 miles beneath Northridge, a town in the San Fernando Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Northridge earthquake currently stands as the most expensive earthquake in the nation's history and the fifth costliest natural disaster in United States history, with over \$40 billion in property damages; and

WHEREAS, More than 681,000 residents and businesses applied for federal disaster aid, a state record according to the Office of Emergency Services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate intends to continue to study, plan, prepare, support, and fund future actions that will strengthen the state's ability to anticipate, withstand, and respond to, the next major earthquakes, which inevitably will occur, and that the Senate hereby states its intent that the lessons learned from past earthquakes be applied to the State's preparedness and emergency response efforts; and be it further

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