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HR-47 (2021-2022)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Choi, Cooley, Cooper, Daly, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Rendon, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Stone, Ting, Villapudua, Ward, Akilah Weber, Wicks, and Wood)

May 12, 2021

Relative to the 25th annual Immigrant Day of Action.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 47, as introduced, Reyes.

WHEREAS, May 25, 2021, will mark the 25th annual Immigrant Day of Action in the City of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Each May for the past 25 years, hundreds of immigrant community leaders, clergy, and other supporters from across the state have traveled to the capitol to advocate for policies that honor the vital role of immigrants in California's civic, economic, cultural, and community life; and

WHEREAS, Immigrant Day of Action began in the aftermath of discriminatory measures such as Proposition 187 in 1994, which sought to exclude immigrants from the social services safety net and health care and to deny immigrant children an education and 1996 federal law and regulations, which effectively excluded many immigrants from vital public safety net programs providing care and support; and

WHEREAS, During the ensuing 20 years of community organizing and advocacy, the views of Californians on immigration policies have drastically transformed, with approximately 75 percent of adults expressing support in recent polling for the inclusion, not deportation, of undocumented immigrant community members; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the Legislature has passed, and the Governor has signed, a series of groundbreaking measures, including the Safe and Responsible Driver Act, the Health for All Kids program, the TRUST Act, the California Dream Act, the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights, the California Values Act, Health 4 All Young Adults, an expansion of the California Earned Income Tax Credit, and other measures to protect the rights of communities of color, many of whom are immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Together these proposals have created a national blueprint for pro-immigrant policy, and

WHEREAS, California's progress stands in contrast to the federal government's ongoing failure to create a common-sense, humane immigration process, which has left many immigrant community members in California vulnerable to detention, deportation, criminalization, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, California's immigrant communities continue to face many key challenges, including exclusion from health care, unsound deportation programs that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operates without transparency, an unjust deportation system with profound barriers to due process, and lack of access to community-based resources that can open the doors to citizenship or deportation relief for those eligible, and

WHEREAS, California's location on the border between the United States and Mexico provides the state unique insights into the needs of border communities and the importance of upholding civil rights in the border region and guarding against abuses, and

WHEREAS, Divisive, hateful, scapegoating rhetoric directed toward immigrants, which particularly targets communities of color and is accompanied by inflammatory rhetoric concerning the border, has received significant attention nationwide, increasing the need for continued proactive policymaking that affirms the human rights of immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly stands firm in its commitment to upholding the human rights of immigrants, that it commends the courage and determination of immigrant community leaders who have worked hard for two decades to advance inclusive policies, and that it joins immigrants across California in celebrating the 25th annual Immigrant Day of Action; 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.
