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HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 110

Introduced by Assembly Member Valladares

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May 04, 2022

Relative to Mother's Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 110, as introduced, Valladares.

WHEREAS, Mother's Day will be observed across the nation on Sunday, May 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mothers serve a variety of roles, including teaching, nurturing, providing, protecting, guiding, and serving as a role model, but there is no one model for how to be a mother; and

WHEREAS, Mothers help raise future generations of Californians and contribute widely to the state in the many different roles they serve in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Early efforts to establish a "Mother's Day" in the United States included the 1870 "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe, an abolitionist and suffragette; and

WHEREAS, The first Mother's Day in the United States was organized by Anna Jarvis and held in May 1908, in honor of mothers' sacrifices for their children; and

WHEREAS, Building off of similar work by her own mother, Jarvis hosted the inaugural celebration in Grafton, West Virginia, and then led a campaign to urge the official adoption of Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, The campaign proved successful when, on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing the first nationwide declaration of Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, Federal legislation that declared the second Sunday in May as "Mother's Day" was signed into law that same year, requesting a display of the United States flag "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country";

WHEREAS, Mothers come from all walks of life, backgrounds, and socioeconomic statuses, and help care for their children throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, The number of families headed by single mothers has grown since 1950, and these mothers may face unique challenges compared to those in a two-parent household; and

WHEREAS, The experience of motherhood can vary across different demographics. For example, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Black and American Indian and Alaskan Native women "have pregnancy-related mortality rates that are over three and two times higher, respectively, compared to the rate for White women"; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has also taken a toll on mothers, and "Latinas were more than twice as likely than their white counterparts to contract COVID-19 during pregnancy," according to a Sutter Health study; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of increased violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in recent years, a group of Asian mothers have come together to defend and support their children and serve as a cross-cultural example for others; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly of the State of California hereby recognizes Sunday, May 8, 2022, as Mother's Day, in honor of the love and sacrifices provided by mothers across California; and be it further

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