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HR-116 (2021-2022)

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

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June 06, 2022

Relative to Victims of Communism Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 116, as introduced, Nguyen.

WHEREAS, Over 100 years have passed since the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and the formation of the first communist government under Vladimir Lenin, leading to decades of oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Based on the economic philosophies of Karl Marx, communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty, prosperity, and dignity of human life and has given rise to such infamous totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, and Pol Pot; and

WHEREAS, Communist regimes worldwide have killed more than 100 million people and subjected countless others to exploitation and unspeakable atrocities, with victims representing many different ethnicities, creeds, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Through false promises of equality and liberation or through coercion, brutality, and fear, communist regimes have systematically robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of worship, freedom of speech, and freedom of association; and

WHEREAS, Many victims of communism were persecuted as political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes, and others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges of undesirable groups; and

WHEREAS, In addition to violating basic human rights, communist regimes have suppressed intellectual freedom, cultural life, and self-determination movements in more than 40 nations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That November 7 of each year is hereby recognized as Victims of Communism Day in memory of the 100 million people who have fallen victim to communist regimes across the world; 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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Heading—Line 2.