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**SCR-63 Rose Ann Vuich Recognition Day.** (2021-2022)

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**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63**

**CHAPTER 19**

Relative to Rose Ann Vuich Recognition Day.

[ Filed with Secretary of State March 11, 2022. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SCR 63, Hurtado. Rose Ann Vuich Recognition Day.

This measure would proclaim January 27, 2022, as Rose Ann Vuich Recognition Day, in recognition of Senator Rose Ann Vuich as the first woman elected to the California State Senate, to honor Senator Vuich's service to the Senate, and to appropriately reflect the Senator's stature and legacy.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Senator Rose Ann Vuich blazed a trail for women in the California Legislature by being the first woman elected to the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich was first elected to the Senate in 1976 and served four consecutive terms until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich was a second-generation Serbian American from the small farm town of Dinuba, in Tulare County, California; and

WHEREAS, Before election to the Senate, Senator Vuich had distinguished careers as a farmer, President of the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce, a tax accountant, an estate planner, and an office manager; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich was an expert in agricultural development and international trade and chaired the California State Legislature Rural Caucus and the Senate Banking, Commerce, and International Trade Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich authored California's Agricultural Export Finance Program, which became a national model; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich authored legislation that created the former California Trade and Commerce Agency; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich was the only woman in the California Senate for two years and served as the Senate's female conscience by keeping a small porcelain bell to ring whenever a colleague addressed the "gentlemen" of the Senate, as a reminder that a gentlewoman was present in the chambers; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich was a person of integrity who took public responsibilities very seriously and gave constituents fair, ethical consideration of issues and conscientious, cost-effective delivery of service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vuich's tenure in the California State Senate marked the beginning of positive change by paving the way for future women legislators who have joined that legacy. There are currently 15 women in the Senate and 24 in the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The restroom near the Senate Chamber was designated "The Rose Room" in Senator Vuich's honor, as it was installed because at the time there was no women's restroom nearby, and Committee Hearing Room 2040 is known as the Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates January 27, 2022, as Rose Ann Vuich Recognition Day, in recognition of Senator Rose Ann Vuich as the first woman elected to the California State Senate, to honor Senator Vuich's service to the Senate, and to appropriately reflect the Senator's stature and legacy; and be it further

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