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SCR-72 PTA Day. (2021-2022)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72

CHAPTER 42

Relative to PTA Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State April 19, 2022.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 72, Portantino. PTA Day.

This measure would declare February 17, 2022, as PTA Day, commend the National Parent Teacher Association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and encourage all California residents to attend and participate in the celebration of this commemorative event.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The National Congress of Mothers, now known as the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), can trace its history back to the California Home and School Child Study Association organized in the City of San Francisco in 1897; and

WHEREAS, The PTA connects families, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, The PTA is part of the foundation of the public education system and a trusted messenger to millions of members, parents, families, educators, and allied agencies throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The PTA has been instrumental in establishing programs and services to improve children's lives, including school nutrition programs, child labor laws, public health services, the juvenile justice system, the creation of kindergarten, the advancement of family engagement, the growth of arts in education, and later school start times; and

WHEREAS, Today, the PTA is the nation's largest volunteer-led child-advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health, and well-being of all children and families; and

WHEREAS, The founders of the PTA, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers Association, Selena Sloan Butler, were all women of imagination and courage who understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world; and

WHEREAS, Today, the PTA has local Parent Teacher Associations throughout the state, and its members represent the ethnic diversity of the nation and come from the ranks of all families who, together, continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, First District PTA (First District) was the first Parent Teacher Association district established by the California State PTA in 1912; and

WHEREAS, First District provides support, leadership, and communication services to over 270 school Parent Teacher Associations and 21 local councils, which collectively represent over 85,000 parents, teachers, students, and community leaders and serve children from the City of Burbank to the City of Pomona; and

WHEREAS, The National PTA celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding on February 17, 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares that February 17, 2022, is recognized as PTA Day, commends the National PTA on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and encourages all California residents to attend and participate in the celebration of this commemorative event; and be it further

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