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**SCR-81 School Breakfast Week.** (2021-2022)

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**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81**

CHAPTER 32

Relative to school nutrition programs.

[ Filed with Secretary of State April 04, 2022. ]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 81, Rubio. School Breakfast Week.

This measure would proclaim March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week and would recognize the importance of school nutrition programs and school nutrition staff in addressing the needs of the state's pupils.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, "National School Breakfast Week" is observed annually to promote the importance of a nutritious breakfast to pupil health and learning, and to recognize the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, An estimated one in six children in the state live in food insecure households, meaning that they do not have consistent access to adequate food for an active and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic hardship among many families in the state, especially within communities of color, with an estimated 1,500,000 children estimated to have faced hunger in 2021; and

WHEREAS, School nutrition programs provided vital meals to pupils and their families during the pandemic through innovative models, such as drive-thru operations and delivery services, as well as to pupils returning to classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Eating school breakfast helps pupils excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer class disruptions; and

WHEREAS, School breakfast participation also helps improve pupils' overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits, improves food security, and advances child health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, School breakfast will continue to play a critical role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2021–22 school year and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom recognized the critical need to ensure healthy meals for all California pupils and enacted the Free School Meals for All Act of 2021 so all pupils will have access to free school meals, including breakfast, beginning in the 2022–23 school year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of pupils, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the invaluable service of school nutrition staff who work tirelessly to administer the federal School Breakfast Program, even amidst unprecedented challenges; and be it further

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