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SCR-96 Anniversary of Los Angeles Riots. (2021-2022)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96

CHAPTER 61

Relative to anniversary of Los Angeles Riots.

[Filed with Secretary of State May 27, 2022.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 96, Min. Anniversary of Los Angeles Riots.

This measure would recognize the 30th anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots on April 29, 2022, as a time of building and reflection for the citizens of Los Angeles and the citizens of California.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, April 29, 2022, will mark the 30th anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots when a series of riots and civil disturbances occurred in the County of Los Angeles in April and May of 1992 after the acquittal of four Los Angeles Police Department officers who were video recorded brutalizing an African American man named Rodney King who was determined to have been struck no less than 52 times by night sticks, flashlights, and other objects, all due to an alleged traffic violation; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles had been experiencing simmering racial tensions and criticism directed towards the Los Angeles Police Department regarding allegations of harassment and use of excessive force against African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Following the announcement of the verdict acquitting four Los Angeles Police Department officers, thousands of people rioted for six days, which included widespread looting, assaults, and arson that local police forces had difficulty controlling due to lack of personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, During the span of six days, hundreds of businesses, many owned by Black and Korean immigrants, were incinerated and entire blocks of the area in Los Angeles known as "Koreatown" were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$850,000,000 in damage was inflicted on Los Angeles, much of which impacted small minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Riots were widely broadcasted as a clash between various ethnic and racial groups; and

WHEREAS, Since the Los Angeles Riots 30 years ago, the State of California has focused on dismantling systemic discrimination, furthering a shared vision of unifying communities, and promoting the safety and well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, For communities to unite and heal, members of all backgrounds and ethnicities must seek to end division by recognizing our common humanity and basic human rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the 30th anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots on April 29, 2022, as a time of building and reflection for the citizens of Los Angeles and the citizens of California; and be it further

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