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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 82

Introduced by Senator Blakespear

March 21, 2024

Relative to World Press Freedom Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 82, Blakespear.

WHEREAS, The California State Senate acknowledges the crucial role of journalism in our democracy, ensuring the dissemination of accurate information and holding those in power accountable; and

WHEREAS, May 3 marks World Press Freedom Day, a day to honor and recognize the dedication, integrity, and bravery of journalists who work tirelessly to uncover the truth and keep the public informed; and

WHEREAS, Journalism serves as the cornerstone of a free and democratic society, providing a vital check on government power and serving as a voice for the voiceless; and

WHEREAS, Journalists uphold the highest ethical standards in their pursuit of truth, often risking their safety and well-being to shine a light on injustice and wrongdoing; and

WHEREAS, The profession of journalism faces numerous challenges in the modern era, including evolving business models, a perceived mistrust in media, and attacks on journalists around the world; and

WHEREAS, Despite these challenges, journalists remain steadfast in their commitment to reporting the news with integrity and transparency, holding steadfast to their duty to inform the public; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate commends and honors journalists across the state for their invaluable contributions to society and recognizes May 3, 2024, as World Press Freedom Day in California; and be it further

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