

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 77

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to the California National Guard “Adopt an Armory” program.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 203, Garcia. California National Guard: “Adopt an Armory” program.

This measure would commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning Council for establishing the “Adopt an Armory” program for the restoration of California National Guard armories, and would urge the public to support the program.

WHEREAS, The California National Guard’s armories are in desperate need of repair. The Facility Directorate at the Joint Forces Headquarters, Office of the Adjutant General, estimates that more than \$30 million in repairs and upgrades are needed collectively for the 119 armories; and

WHEREAS, When soldiers return to their home armories, many will return to duty conditions that are in many ways not much better than those under which they served during their deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard created the California National Guard Strategic Planning Council to address long range plans and policy for the army and national guard. After completing a comprehensive review of armories, the Strategic Planning Council created the “Adopt an Armory” program; and

WHEREAS, The concept of the “Adopt an Armory” program involves getting communities to be partners with local armories so both communities and armories benefit. The armory is renewed, and in return, the community is able to utilize the facility for projects, events, and activities; and

WHEREAS, There are three ways to adopt an armory under the program: (1) an individual or community group may volunteer labor and materials to upgrade an existing armory; (2) local contractors, suppliers, or professionals may donate resources, expertise, or services; and (3) the armory’s soldiers may improve their armory with communitywide donations and resources; and



WHEREAS, The “Adopt an Armory” program is still in its infant stages, with volunteers coming forward at the Indio, Torrance, and Banning armories. The Riverside CBS television station took the lead in adopting armories in Indio and Banning, and prominent corporations and Riverside businesses are also stepping forward to upgrade the armories; and

WHEREAS, The Mayors of Indio, Banning, and Corona have pledged to support the restoration of armories, with the assistance of Senator Battin and Assembly Members Bogh, Benoit, and Garcia; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning Council for its initiative in creating the “Adopt an Armory” program and its dedication to the men and women serving in the California National Guard armories; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the members of the public to support the “Adopt an Armory” program for the restoration of national guard armories; and be it further

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

