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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to the Mexican bicentennial celebration.

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SCR 123, as introduced, Cedillo. Mexican bicentennial celebration.

This measure would recognize the importance of celebrating the birth and independence of Mexico and honoring and invigorating the spirit of friendship, understanding, and cooperation that characterizes the California-Mexico relationship.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, 2010 marks a year of celebratory festivities in
2 Mexico commemorating the bicentennial of the start of the
3 Mexican War of Independence and the centennial of the beginning
4 of the Mexican Revolution; and
5 WHEREAS, This is a time for Mexican Nationals and Mexican
6 Americans to reflect with pride and hope upon the historical events
7 that have shaped Mexico into a free, united, and democratic nation;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, In Mexico and throughout the world, Mexican
10 communities are fervently involved in organizing special and
11 countrywide celebrations to enjoy the unique history, rich culture

1 and traditions, and artistic expressions of a people who have
2 endured and overcome tremendous hardships; and

3 WHEREAS, For over two decades, Mexican American
4 communities throughout the United States have celebrated Mexican
5 Independence Day to foster and raise awareness about Mexico's
6 fight for a democratic form of government; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States and the great state of California
8 share a strong historical and cultural bond with Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly 11 million people of Mexican origin live
10 in California today, representing 30 percent of the state's total
11 population; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Diego-Tijuana metropolitan area is the
13 largest binational community along the United States border with
14 over 50,000 vehicles and 25,000 pedestrians crossing daily; and

15 WHEREAS, Mexico continues to be California's main trading
16 partner, generating more than \$54 billion dollars annually, and
17 significantly contributing to the economic health and prosperity
18 of our state; and

19 WHEREAS, The California Latino Legislative Caucus, made
20 up of 26 members of Latino heritage representing districts
21 throughout our great state, has worked diligently to develop policy
22 priorities and annual agendas of policy issues critical to the
23 economic prosperity and vitality of California and has traditionally
24 recognized and celebrated Mexican Independence Day and the
25 birth of Mexico's democracy; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the State of California recognizes the
28 importance of celebrating the birth and independence of our
29 neighboring nation and of honoring and invigorating the spirit of
30 our friendship, understanding, and cooperation that characterizes
31 the California-Mexico relationship; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the 2010 Mexican National Commemorations
33 offer a special opportunity to strengthen our partnership and
34 envision new routes toward a future of shared prosperity by
35 recognizing our common values, emotions, and desires; and be it
36 further

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

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