

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 105

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the California State University system.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 52, Block. California State University: 50th anniversary.

This measure would congratulate the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, commend the invaluable contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of its students, and extend best wishes for its continued success in the future.

WHEREAS, The California State University system will celebrate its 50th anniversary during 2010 and 2011, and, upon this occasion, it is deserving of special public commendations; and

WHEREAS, The California State Colleges was established as a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960, and in 1972, the system became known as the California State University and Colleges; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the system became the California State University (CSU), and today, the 23 campuses of the CSU include comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995, the California Maritime Academy, a specialized campus; and

WHEREAS, The system's oldest campus, San Jose State University, was founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California, and today, the CSU is the nation's largest and most diverse university system, with 23 campuses and seven off-campus centers, nearly 412,000 students, and 43,000 faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, The CSU draws its students from the top third of California's high school graduates, many of whom live within the local service area of the campus, and is the state's primary undergraduate teaching institution; and

WHEREAS, Each CSU campus—California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Channel Islands (the system's newest campus); California State University, Chico; California State University, Dominguez Hills; California State University, East Bay; California State University, Fresno; California State University, Fullerton; Humboldt State University; California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Los Angeles; California Maritime Academy; California State University, Monterey Bay; California State University, Northridge; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State University, Sacramento; California State University, San Bernardino; San Diego State University;

San Francisco State University; San Jose State University; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; California State University, San Marcos; Sonoma State University; and California State University, Stanislaus—has its own identity, but all campuses share the same mission of providing high-quality, affordable higher education to meet the changing workforce needs of California; and

WHEREAS, With 90,000 annual graduates, the CSU is California's greatest producer of baccalaureate degrees and drives California's economy in information technology, life sciences, agriculture, business, education, international trade, public administration, hospitality, engineering, entertainment, and multimedia industries; and

WHEREAS, The CSU reaches out to California's growing, underserved communities, granting more undergraduate degrees to California's Latino, African American, and Native American students than any other state public university system and offers affordable opportunities to pursue and attain a college degree; and

WHEREAS, The CSU is noted for pioneering outreach efforts, including the creation of the Early Assessment Program (which enables 11th grade pupils to assess their college readiness in English and math) and the Educational Opportunity Program (an access and retention program that supports low-income, educationally disadvantaged students, many of whom are first-generation college students); and

WHEREAS, The CSU distributes millions of "How to Get to College" posters in multiple languages, hosting Super Sunday events at churches throughout the state as part of its African American initiative; partners with the Parent Institute for Quality Education, which helps strengthen parent involvement in elementary and middle school pupils' education; and actively engages in the state's Troops to College efforts on behalf of veterans; and

WHEREAS, The CSU offers more than 2,000 baccalaureate and master's degree programs in some 357 subject areas, as well as teaching credential programs and its own independent education doctorate program, and since 1961, the CSU has awarded nearly 2,500,000 baccalaureate, master's, and joint doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, CSU faculty members are renowned for their teaching skills, as well as their significant contributions to research, and CSU staff and administrators provide the vital infrastructure to fulfill the CSU mission and, together, faculty and staff have made the CSU a leader in high-quality, accessible, and student-focused higher education; and

WHEREAS, CSU students participate in 32,000,000 hours of community service annually at more than 3,560 community sites, including tutoring children and adults in English as a second language, working in hospitals and community health clinics, teaching computer literacy, cleaning up rivers and beaches, serving meals to the homeless, and building houses; and

WHEREAS, The CSU returns \$5.43 for every \$1 the state invests and sustains more than 150,000 jobs in the state, CSU-related expenditures create \$17,000,000,000 in economic activity, CSU students represent one

in 10 members of California's workforce and the majority of the state's teachers, and the CSU has more than 2,000,000 alumni; and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor and the Trustees of the CSU have led the CSU during extremely difficult economic times that have caused the CSU to cut admission rates and raise costs, as they have launched initiatives to increase the system's graduation rates and help underrepresented students complete college; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping foster improvement in the educational, economic, and cultural life in California, the CSU is developing not only college graduates, but responsible citizens and leaders for California and the nation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature takes great pride in congratulating the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, commends the invaluable contributions it has made to the intellectual and social growth of its students, and extends best wishes for its continued success in the future; and be it further

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