

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 17, 1995

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members McPherson, Aguiar, Allen, Alpert, Archie-Hudson, Boland, Bordonaro, Bowler, Valerie Brown, Willie Brown, Cannella, Conroy, Cunneen, Davis, Ducheny, Figueroa, Firestone, Frusetta, Gallegos, Granlund, Hauser, Hawkins, Hoge, Horcher, House, Johnson, Knight, Kuehl, Kuykendall, Machado, Mazzoni, Morrissey, Morrow, Kevin Murray, Willard Murray, Napolitano, Rainey, Richter, Sweeney, Takasugi, Thompson, Villaraigosa, Weggeland, and Woods

February 7, 1995

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to John Steinbeck Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 8, as introduced, McPherson. John Steinbeck Day.

This measure would declare February 27, in perpetuity, to be John Steinbeck Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, John Steinbeck, native son of California,
2 brought fame to this State through his many distinctions
3 as one of America's great writers; and
4 WHEREAS, People from foreign lands and our nation
5 read his books to obtain a better understanding of the
6 character of our people, and visit us to renew their

1 memories of his novels and acquaint themselves with the
2 beautiful landscape of our countryside made so vivid in
3 his writings; and

4 WHEREAS, The high honors that have been bestowed
5 on John Steinbeck include the Pulitzer Prize for “The
6 Grapes of Wrath,” the Medal of Freedom from President
7 Lyndon Johnson, a special United States Postal Service
8 issue of the John Steinbeck Commemorative Stamp, the
9 American Arts Gold Medallion issued by the United
10 States Mint, and the Nobel Prize for Literature for his
11 writings; and

12 WHEREAS, California is an integral part of his early
13 novels, including “The Pastures of Heaven,” “To a God
14 Unknown,” “Tortilla Flat,” “In Dubious Battle,” “The
15 Red Pony,” “Of Mice and Men,” “The Grapes of Wrath,”
16 and “Cannery Row”; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of California wishes to
18 perpetuate the memory of John Steinbeck’s
19 accomplishments as a writer for future generations; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
22 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the
23 State of California hereby declares February 27, in
24 perpetuity, as “John Steinbeck Day.”

