

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 2004,
at _____ o'clock __M.

Deputy Secretary of State



RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to California Private School Recognition Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 58, McPherson. California Private School Recognition Day.

This measure would declare each March 22 to be “California Private School Recognition Day.”

WHEREAS, California’s private schools are significant partners in the education of the greater public, educating 10 percent of the state’s pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, More than one in four schools in the state offering instruction in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, is a private school; and

WHEREAS, California’s private schools save taxpayers more than \$5 billion annually through the private financing of facilities and provision of instruction; and

WHEREAS, Private education in the state enjoys a tradition spanning four centuries, originating with the early Mission schools of the 18th century; and

WHEREAS, California’s private schools are religious and secular; large and small; urban, suburban, and rural; progressive and traditional; independent and networked; thus helping to fulfill the ideal of educational pluralism; and

WHEREAS, The diversity found in California’s private schools offers parents and pupils a broad range of educational options; and

WHEREAS, California’s private schools are committed to the achievement of academic excellence while endeavoring to meet the intellectual, social, moral, spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of each child; and

WHEREAS, Whatever their particular orientation, California’s private schools uphold and promote the values of public participation, civic responsibility, and service to community; and

WHEREAS, California’s private schools are ultimately accountable to the parents who choose them; and



WHEREAS, The graduates of California’s private schools, as informed, productive, and involved citizens, have made countless positive contributions to their respective communities, the state, and the nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes each March 22 as “California Private School Recognition Day,” in appreciation of the significant contributions made by California’s private schools to the benefit of the state; and be it further

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



Attest:

Secretary of State

