

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 33

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Relative to genocide.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 33, as introduced, Nakano.

DIGEST KEY

BILL TEXT

WHEREAS, The United States, its major allies, and even its former enemies, have committed themselves to the principle that acts of genocide and other atrocities against civilians shall not go ignored as the world moves into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, The 20th century was rife with genocidal activities of varying magnitude on virtually every segment of every continent, in nations developed and not yet developed, sometimes highly deliberate and efficiently systematized; and

WHEREAS, The turn of the century surprised us with yet another example of the dark side of human political leadership in the Balkans, and the unexpected willingness of ordinary people to follow unspeakable orders; and

WHEREAS, An effort to document carefully and comprehend thoroughly the tragedies that occurred is essential in order that the world not repeat its mistakes, a concern especially relevant to those young people without direct contact with the ravages of the evils described; and

WHEREAS, The greatest multiracial, multiethnic, and multicultural entity in the world is the State of California, and it is not surprising that California should assert its leadership in the matter; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governor is requested to take the following actions: (a) provide funding for the California Institute for the Study of Genocide to study the causes, effects, and prevention of genocide; (b) involve the University of California and the California State University in this effort, utilizing eminent scholars in such fields as history, political science, psychology, and K-12 teaching; and (c) emphasize the development of courses and curriculum on genocide issues for K-12 public education; and be it further

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