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SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

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WHEREAS, The Attorney General's office reports more than 60 percent of all daytime residential burglaries are committed by young people who should be in school; and

WHEREAS, These escalating problems, joined with expanding civil liability now placed on schools, other governmental agencies, and citizens, is contributing to the insurance and liability crisis facing state and local agencies, especially the schools, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly Office of Research, in a report issued in September 1985, established more than 30 percent of all California students drop out before finishing school and that such an excessive dropout rate threatens the state's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States and leaders in both houses of Congress have documented the especially serious national risks created by drug traffic and abuse and have called for a national school/community crusade to establish drug-free schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, The staff of the California Insurance Commissioner is cooperating with leaders in education, insurance, law, and law enforcement, to create a public/private sector partnership with the specific purpose of encouraging campus and community crime prevention, including the anticipation and prevention of drug traffic and abuse, and student attendance, with the goals of reducing liability exposure and fiscal costs of campus and community crime, improving student attendance, and promoting safe schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Sections 35291, 35291.5 and 35291.7 of the Education Code require every school in California to prepare and implement discipline rules and procedures by December 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Better public understanding of campus and community safety, drug traffic and abuse, and student attendance will assist students, educators, law enforcement agencies, probation officials, the courts, and citizens, in both public and private sectors to enhance the safety, health, and learning experiences of all our state's students, and improve the communities in which they reside; and

WHEREAS, All Californians should be aware of, and cooperate with, efforts by local, state, and federal agencies, encourage the public/private sector partnerships referenced above, to focus attention during the 1986-87 school year on school and community safety, eradication of campus and community drug traffic and abuse, and student attendance, to help identify, develop, and promote innovative solutions to these critical problems; and

WHEREAS, The Members desire to take this opportunity to encourage the Honorable George Deukmejian, Governor of the State of California, to officially proclaim October 19-25, 1986, as "California's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Week," and the school year 1986-87 as "California's Year of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities;" now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED BY THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY, That the Members commend the foregoing public/private sector initiatives; extend public recognition of the observances of "California's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Week," and "California's Year of Drug-Free Schools and Communities" for the 1986-87 school year; intend to monitor these initiatives, statutory responsibilities, and observances, and, urge all Californians to become aware of, and positively respond to their duties to help make our schools, colleges, universities, and communities safe and drug-free, and to promote student attendance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitably prepared copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan; leaders in both Houses of Congress; Attorney General, Edwin Meese III; Secretary of Education, William Bennett; Governor of the State of California, George Deukmejian; Attorney General, John Van de Kamp; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Bill Honig; California Insurance Commissioner, Roxani Gillespie; George Nicholson, Director & Chief Counsel, National School Safety Center; the presidents of the University of California and California State University; the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges; county and district superintendents of schools; judges; district attorneys; probation officers; police chiefs; sheriffs; mayors, and county supervisors, and the presidents of the California Judges Association; California State Bar; California PTA; California School Boards Association; Association of California School Administrators; California Association of School Business Officials; California Teachers Association; California School Employees Association; California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance; California District Attorneys Association; California School Peace Officers Association; California Association of Community College Chiefs of Police; California Peace Officers Association; and California Juvenile Officers Association.

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Approved by the Joint Rules Committee
Subscribed this 26th day of August, 1986

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