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House Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman

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House Resolution No. 15—Relative to California Thursday.

1 WHEREAS, April 23, 2015, is the statewide rollout of
2 “California Thursdays”; and
3 WHEREAS, “California Thursdays” is a collaboration between
4 the Center for Ecoliteracy, participating school districts, and allied
5 organizations to serve healthy, freshly prepared school meals made
6 from California-grown food; and
7 WHEREAS, Forty-two innovative school districts that
8 collectively serve over 250 million meals a year, including large
9 and small rural, urban, and suburban school districts across
10 California, have joined the “California Thursdays” network; and

1 WHEREAS, California agriculture leads the nation, its 80,500
2 farms and ranches received \$42.6 billion for their output in 2013,
3 and its agricultural abundance comprises more than 400
4 commodities, including nearly one-half of United States-grown
5 fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

6 WHEREAS, “California Thursdays” will increase the
7 procurement of California-grown food, and every dollar spent in
8 the agriculture sector adds \$2.56 to the state’s economy, according
9 to a study from California State University, Fresno; and

10 WHEREAS, Children in California face chronic diet-related
11 public health challenges, including food insecurity and childhood
12 obesity, and the California Endowment states that improvements
13 to the school food environment “are resulting in healthier behaviors
14 among students”; and

15 WHEREAS, Growing evidence demonstrates an association
16 between nutrition and academic performance, and California
17 children will benefit from understanding where their food comes
18 from and how it reaches the table; and

19 WHEREAS, Understanding where food comes from and how
20 it gets to the table encourages ecological knowledge and aligns
21 with state and national education standards; and

22 WHEREAS, Research and local success stories indicate that
23 improving food quality increases meal program participation and
24 revenue; and

25 WHEREAS, “California Thursdays” is a bite-sized
26 implementation program to improve school food systems in order
27 to improve student health and academic achievement, local and
28 state economies, and the environment, creating a “triple win”; and

29 WHEREAS, “California Thursdays” has received grants from
30 the Department of Food and Agriculture, the United States
31 Department of Agriculture Farm to School Program, and the
32 California Endowment, along with major ongoing support from
33 TomKat Charitable Trust; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
35 *Assembly proclaims April 23, 2015, as “California Thursday” in*
36 *the State of California; commends the Center for Ecoliteracy and*
37 *participating school districts for advancing student health and*
38 *academic achievement, investing in California agriculture and*
39 *California’s economy, and benefiting the state’s environment; and*

1 urges all California schools to participate in “California
2 Thursdays”; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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