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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH, AND  
HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

José Luis Solache, Jr., Chair

ACR 173 (Carrillo) – As Introduced April 8, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Sister state: State of Jalisco

**SUMMARY:** This resolution would recommit to formalizing the sister state relationship between the State of Jalisco in Mexico and the State of California, as specified.

Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Acknowledge California and Jalisco share aligned interests in high-tech manufacturing, trade, agriculture, and tourism, driving mutual economic growth and cross-border collaboration.
- 2) Understands the longstanding legislative engagement and diplomatic efforts reinforce commitments to immigrant protections, cultural respect, and sustained cooperation between California and Jalisco.

**EXISTING LAW:** Senate Concurrent Resolution 82 (Hueso, 2014) formalized California's sister-state relationship with Jalisco, Mexico, and reinforced bilateral cooperation in trade, education, and cultural exchange

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**COMMENTS:** This resolution re-establishes a sister-state partnership between California and the State of Jalisco, Mexico, to formalize long-standing cultural, economic, and demographic ties while expanding cooperation in high-growth sectors such as advanced manufacturing, technology, agriculture, and sustainability. Jalisco is one of Mexico's most economically dynamic states and is home to Guadalajara, often referred to as Mexico's "Silicon Valley," where the technology sector contributes significantly to national innovation output and hosts major global firms in electronics and software development. The state also plays a leading role in agriculture, particularly in tequila production, agri-tech, and export-oriented supply chains that align closely with California's own agricultural economy.

Jalisco is one of the largest origin states for Mexican migration to the United States, contributing to strong transnational family and labor networks. These ties are especially visible in regions such as the Central Valley and Los Angeles, where Jalisco-origin communities play a central role in workforce participation, small business development, and cultural life. These same communities are often directly affected by federal immigration enforcement actions, making stable subnational engagement and access to binational coordination mechanisms, especially important for maintaining family unity, workforce continuity, and access to essential documentation services.

This resolution supports structured collaboration in several areas. Economically, it promotes cross-border innovation between California's technology sector and Jalisco's growing digital economy, supporting job creation and supply chain integration. In agriculture, it encourages

coordination on production standards, water efficiency, and sustainability practices, aligning two of North America's most significant agricultural regions. It also advances academic and institutional partnerships that support workforce development and data-informed trade and policy decisions.

Culturally, the partnership reflects shared heritage and identity. California and Jalisco maintain strong cultural linkages through music, cuisine, festivals, and family networks, including the widespread influence of mariachi traditions originating in Jalisco and now deeply embedded in California's cultural landscape.

This resolution positions California to strengthen subnational diplomacy independent of federal policy shifts, reinforcing economic competitiveness while recognizing the cultural and demographic foundations of the California–Jalisco relationship.

**Author Statement:** According to the author, “California and Jalisco have a shared history, bound together by our people and our cultures. Formalizing this special relationship thru ACR 173 will enhance coordination on mutually beneficial policies, while reaffirming our commitment to human dignity, diplomacy, and the value of our binational relationships.”

#### **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

##### **Support**

None on file.

##### **Opposition**

None on file.

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