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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 190  
Author: Ortega (D), et al.  
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Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** California Day of the Teacher

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims May 13, 2026, as the California Day of the Teacher.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Today, we recognize that teachers continue to face significant challenges, as their workloads continue to increase; their schools and school districts are under-resourced and subject to budget cuts; and their wages and benefits lag behind those of comparable professionals.
- 2) In 2026, the California Teachers Association published “The State of California’s Public Schools: A Survey of TK-12 Educators” (survey), which contained the results of over 2,000 member surveys and reported that 80% of those educators surveyed reported that schools in California do not have enough resources to meet the needs of pupils.
- 3) The California Teachers Association survey found that 88% of educators surveyed reported insufficient funding for schools and low pay for educators, while 78% reported their classrooms were overcrowded.
- 4) According to the State Department of Education, California is facing a teacher shortage, with more than 10,000 vacancies statewide, showing the dire need to retain teacher.
- 5) To continue educating the population of California, teacher grant programs are necessary to provide the training and mentorship needed to encourage teachers to remain in classrooms.

- 6) Long ago California recognized the immeasurable value of our teachers, and the second Wednesday in May has traditionally been recognized as the California Day of the Teacher, a special observance that honors teachers and the teaching profession.

This resolution urges all Californians to observe the Day of the Teacher by taking the time to remember and honor all individuals who give the gift of knowledge through teaching.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

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