
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 86
Author: Gonzalez (D), et al.
Introduced: 3/4/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Cinco de Mayo Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares May 3, 2026, through May 10, 2026, as Cinco de Mayo Week.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de Puebla”.
- 2) Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the foundation of any nation and our state is its people, in their spirit and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty.
- 3) In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and dedication to the economy and cultural life of California and the United States with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment of California, the United States, and the world.

This resolution urges all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day when the Mexican people defeated the French army at the Batalla de Puebla, and to recognize the Latino noncombatants in California who freely gave their votes and resources to defend free institutions, and the Latinos of California

who fought to defend the freedom of the United States in every armed conflict from the Spanish-American War to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Related/Prior Legislation

SR 27 (Gonzalez, 2025) – Adopted in the Senate.

SR 74 (Gonzalez, 2024) – Adopted in the Senate.

SR 24 (Gonzalez, 2023) – Adopted in the Senate.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/9/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/9/26)

None received

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