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Gipson Co-Authors House Resolution to Recognize and Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

(SACRAMENTO, Calif) – Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, Chair of the Democratic Caucus, coauthored House Resolution (HR) 17 today to declare May 1-5 Cinco de Mayo week and honor the valiant spirit of the brave Mexicans who defeated the French army in the town of Puebla.

"As we celebrate this historical and cultural week in our history, we must continue with the same pride, dignity, courage, and respect that must be given not only to us here in America, but to those in Mexico who fought to seek justice and liberation" said Asm. Gipson. "As Democratic Caucus Chair, there is no better way to acknowledge the contributions made by our Latino community than to continue to protect and promote good immigration policies that represent the diversities of our golden state."

Each Cinco de Mayo, the state legislature honors the valor of the outgunned Mexican militia in their improbable victory over the Imperial French army at the Battle of Puebla, 155 years ago. May 5 serves as an opportunity to celebrate the generations of contributions that Mexican Americans and all Latino Americans have made to the United States.

To discuss legislative issues and celebrate Cinco de Mayo events in the 64th Assembly District, join me at the following events in your community:

- Wilmington 5/5 5/7/17 [Fri. 5-11pm, Sat. 2-11pm, Sun. 1-11pm] Pacific Coast Highway and Avalon Blvd. in Wilmington 90744 (310) 834-8586
- Watts (LAPD) 5/5/17 from 4pm 8pm. Watts Towers: 1727 E. 107th St. Los Angeles 90002. (213) 793-0720
- City of Carson 5/6/17 from 12pm 5pm.
 Carson Park: 21411 Orrick Ave. Carson 90745. (310) 830-4925
- City of Compton 5/6/17 from 11am 4pm. Burrell-MacDonald Park: 2516 W. Alondra Blvd. Compton 90220. (310) 605-5612
- Watts/Century Latino Organization 5/13/17 from 10am 4pm. Watts Towers 1727 E. 107th St. Los Angeles 90002. (323) 564-9140