

Honoring  
**SENATOR SHARON RUNNER**

**WHEREAS**, the California State Board of Equalization family lost a dedicated, vibrant public servant on Thursday, July 14, 2016, with the death of Senator Sharon Runner; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Runner was a devoted wife and partner to her husband, Board of Equalization Member George Runner, and dedicated mother and grandmother; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Runner's most notable public policy achievement was co-authoring Jessica's Law with her husband George, one of the strongest laws enacted to protect our children from sexual predators; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Runner was a strong advocate for public safety, education and children's issues in both the California State Assembly and Senate from 2002 to 2008 and 2011 to 2016, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Runner's public service encompassed many exceptional accomplishments, such as co-founding Desert Christian Schools; serving as President of California Women Lead and Political Action Committee Chair of the California Women's Leadership Association; volunteering for Donate Life California, the National Scleroderma Foundation, and serving on the Sierra Donor Services Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Runner also worked with charter schools, developing programs to help at-risk students achieve academic success, and the United Way, Antelope Valley Hospital Gift Foundation, Healthy Homes Advisory Council, and Care Net, a pregnancy resource center: Therefore be it resolved.

The California State Board of Equalization recognizes the remarkable achievements of Senator Sharon Runner for her distinguished public service career, mourns her death, and extends its sincerest condolences to Board Member George Runner and his family.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this thirtieth day of August 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.