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Assemblymember Pedro Nava Congratulates the Santa Barbara County Zoo Upon Grand Opening of California Condor Country Exhibit

Sacramento, CA - Assemblymember Pedro Nava today released the following statement congratulating the Santa Barbara Zoo upon its grand opening of the California Condor Country Exhibit:

“The Santa Barbara Zoo California Condor Country Exhibit will not only provide an opportunity for all of us to learn about this magnificent bird that has flown over Santa Barbara County and North America for more than 10,000 years, but will also play a vital role in its recovery through its captive breeding program.

“More than a year ago, after a difficult fight, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed my Assembly Bill 821, the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Act, into law. This effort has led to the removal of the number one threat to the survival of the California condor in the wild -- lead ammunition. The Act requires hunters to use non lead ammunition when they hunt big game and coyote in California condor country. Today, I am more hopeful than ever that all our efforts to protect and save the California condor will enable future generations to experience it both in captivity and in the wild.

“I want to congratulate all those who have made this day possible, including the staff, volunteers and donors of the Santa Barbara Zoo. Today is a great day in our efforts to not only educate current and future generations about the condor, but to bring it back from the brink of extinction so that our children and grandchildren will be able to see this magnificent bird fly over California.”

Assemblymember Pedro Nava represents the 35th Assembly District, including Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard, Ventura. He is Chair of the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee. In addition, he serves as the State Assembly representative on the California Ocean Protection Council and on the California Coastal Conservancy. Prior to serving in the legislature, he served for 8 years on the California Coastal Commission.

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