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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 111

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wieckowski)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chu, Cooper, and Cristina Garcia)
(Coauthor: Senator Mendoza)

July 6, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to India’s Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 111, as introduced, Kalra. India’s Independence Day.

This measure would recognize August 15, 2017, as India’s Independence Day and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating India’s independence.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, As the day began on August 15, 1947, at the stroke
2 of midnight, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru,
3 gave his famous Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India’s
4 independence; and
5 WHEREAS, The Tryst with Destiny speech captured the essence
6 of the nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British colonial
7 rule in India; and
8 WHEREAS, India’s Independence Day is one of the most
9 important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day
10 takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national
11 flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that
12 highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current

1 issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders
2 of India's struggle for freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is celebrated on August
4 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It was
5 celebrated by 400 million Indians in 1947 and today is celebrated
6 by a billion people living in India, and many people living in other
7 parts of the world, including California, which is home to the
8 largest population of Asian Indians in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The local community of people in California who
10 hail from India, or with ancestral ties to India, continually
11 demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their
12 contributions are notable and reflect success in many industries
13 and community activism; and

14 WHEREAS, Ever since August 15, 1947, India's nonviolent
15 struggle for freedom, its rejection of terrorism and extremism, and
16 its belief in democracy, tolerance, and the rule of law have been
17 an inspiration and beacon of hope for people around the world;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, India's example has had a profound effect on many
20 countries, including the United States. Leaders of our civil rights
21 movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke about the
22 debt they owed to Mahatma Gandhi. Ties between our two peoples
23 have never been stronger. The over three million members of the
24 Indian American community are living examples of the bonds that
25 bind our nations together and their accomplishments have become
26 well-known and admired in both countries; and

27 WHEREAS, India is the world's largest democracy by
28 population with roughly 1.3 billion people, more than 800 million
29 of whom are eligible to vote; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes August
32 15, 2017, as India's Independence Day, and urges all Californians
33 to join in celebrating India's independence; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 111 (Kalra) – As Introduced July 6, 2017

SUBJECT: India's Independence Day

SUMMARY: Recognizes August 15, 2017, as India's Independence Day and urges all Californians to join in celebrating India's independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) India's Independence Day is celebrated on August 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It was celebrated by 400 million Indians in 1947 and today is celebrated by a billion living in India, and many people living in other parts of the world, including California, which is home to the largest population of Asian Indians in the United States.
- 2) India's Independence Day is one of the most important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders of India's struggle for freedom.
- 3) The local community of people in California who hail from India, or with ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success in many industries and community activism.
- 4) Since August 15, 1947, India's nonviolent struggle for freedom, its rejection of terrorism and extremism, and its belief in democracy, tolerance, and the rule of law have been an inspiration and beacon of hope for people around the world.
- 5) India's example has had a profound effect on many counties, including the United States and ties between our two peoples have never been stronger. The over three million members of the Indian American community are living examples of the bonds that bind our nations together and their accomplishments have become well-known and admired in both countries.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Members Quirk, Chu, and Kalra

June 6, 2017

House Resolution No. 43—Relative to Muslim American Appreciation and Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Freedom of religion holds distinction as a cherished
2 right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of
3 the United States are based; and

4 WHEREAS, Enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its
5 residents, the State of California takes great pride in supporting
6 individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse
7 religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including
8 Americans who practice Islam; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately one million Muslim Americans
10 currently reside in California, the highest number of any state in
11 the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, This Muslim community is recognized as having
13 made innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and
14 economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation's armed
17 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
18 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
19 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

20 WHEREAS, The first all-women mosque was opened in Los
21 Angeles, California in 2015, creating a safe space for Muslim
22 American women to become empowered and create a network of

1 resources to allow for shared growth and respect among different
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Zaytuna College, located in Berkeley, California,
4 is the first accredited Muslim undergraduate college in the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, California is the home to several prominent Muslim
7 figures who continue to make significant contributions to the State
8 of California and the United States as business owners, legal
9 professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, and in many
10 other great, notable capacities; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Shamim Ibrahim, a Muslim psychologist and
12 counselor with the Los Angeles Unified School District, founded
13 Niswa Association, Inc. in 1990, a nonprofit community-based,
14 social service organization based in Harbor City, California that
15 works toward the well-being of South Asian, Afghan, and Middle
16 Eastern immigrant women; and

17 WHEREAS, Moustapha Akkad, director of the famous
18 Hollywood horror movie series “Halloween,” was a Syrian
19 American immigrant to California, and a student at both the
20 University of California, Los Angeles and the University of
21 Southern California; and

22 WHEREAS, Halim Dhanidina was the first Muslim to be
23 appointed as a judge in California with his appointment to the Los
24 Angeles County Superior Court in 2012; and

25 WHEREAS, University of California, Berkeley student Sadia
26 Saifuddin was appointed as the first Muslim student regent to the
27 Board of Regents of California in 2014; and

28 WHEREAS, Mahershala Ali, born in Oakland and raised in
29 Hayward, California, became the first Muslim American actor to
30 win an Academy Award for his performance in the film
31 “Moonlight” in 2017; and

32 WHEREAS, Ibtihaj Muhammad, a sabre fencer, became the
33 first female Muslim American athlete to earn a medal at the
34 Olympic Games in 2016 and was also the first fencer to wear a
35 hijab; and

36 WHEREAS, Ahmed Zewail was awarded the Nobel Prize in
37 Chemistry in 1999 and was a professor of chemistry and physics
38 at the California Institute of Technology; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Ayib Khan Ommaya invented the Ommaya
40 reservoir that is used to provide chemotherapy directly to the tumor

1 site for brain tumors and was also the leading expert in traumatic
2 brain injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, Keith Ellison, who has represented the Fifth
4 Congressional District of Minnesota since 2007, is the first Muslim
5 American to be elected to the United States Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, due to the recent surge
7 of overseas and domestic terrorism done under the name of Islam,
8 Muslim Americans in California continue to face harassment,
9 assault, and discrimination; and

10 WHEREAS, According to a special report of a research project
11 of Georgetown University, during 2015, there were approximately
12 174 reported incidents of anti-Muslim violence and vandalism in
13 the United States, including: 12 murders, 29 physical assaults, 50
14 threats against persons or institutions, 54 acts of vandalism or
15 destruction of property, eight arsons, and nine shootings or
16 bombings, among other incidents; and

17 WHEREAS, The level of anti-Muslim rhetoric has skyrocketed
18 since November 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to acknowledge and promote
20 awareness of the myriad invaluable contributions of Muslim
21 Americans in California and across the country, and extend to
22 them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
25 Assembly joins communities throughout the State of California
26 in recognizing the month of August 2017 as Muslim American
27 Appreciation and Awareness Month; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 43 (Quirk) – As Amended June 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Muslim American Appreciation and Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of August 2017 as Muslim American Appreciation and Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Freedom of religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based. The State of California takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including Americans who practice Islam.
- 2) Approximately one million Muslim Americans currently reside in California, the highest number of any state in the United States. The Muslim community is recognized as having made innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States.
- 3) California is home to several prominent Muslim figures who continue to make significant contributions to the State of California and the United States as business owners, legal professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, and in many other great, notable capacities.
- 4) Civil rights groups report that between 2015 and 2016 there has been an increase in the vandalism at mosques, intimidation, and hate speech targeted at Muslims and Muslim Americans.
- 5) It is appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad invaluable contributions of Muslim Americans in California and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) AFL-CIO

Opposition

None on file

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AFSCME Council 36

AFSCME Council 57

AFSCME/MWD Local 1901
Metropolitan Water District

AFSCME/MAPA Local 1001
Metropolitan Water District

AFSCME/UAPD Local 206
Union Of American
Physicians And Dentists

AFSCME/UC Local 3299
University of California

AFSCME/UNAC NUHHCE
United Nurses Associations
Of California
Union of Health Care
Professionals

UEMSW Local 4911
United EMS Workers

**TO: The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Rules**

RE: House Resolution 43 (Quirk, Chu and Kalra) – AFSCME SUPPORTS

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our **support of House Resolution 43**, as introduced on June 6, 2017.

AFSCME joins the Assembly and communities throughout the State of California in recognizing the month of August 2017 as Muslim American Appreciation and Awareness Month. It is imperative to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad invaluable contributions of Muslim Americans in California and across the country and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves.

Despite the perseverance, determination and countless contributions of the Muslim American community that have shaped the fabric of American society, anti-Muslim rhetoric continues to place Muslim Americans at the center of violence and discrimination. We urge Californians to continue to stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, to condemn Islamophobia in their daily lives and celebrate the profound resilience and accomplishments of the Muslim American community.

Please join us in supporting House Resolution 43.

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of future amendments.

Sincerely,

Joshua Golka
Political and Legislative Director, California

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House Resolution

No. 49

Introduced by Assembly Member Choi

July 6, 2017

House Resolution No. 49—Relative to Korean Independence Day.

1 WHEREAS, August 15, 2017, marks the 72nd anniversary of
2 the Independence of the Republic of Korea; and

3 WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day or Gwangbokjeol,
4 commemorates the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonization
5 on August 15, 1945; and

6 WHEREAS, The thousands of brave Korean service members
7 and civilians who lost their lives or were imprisoned fighting for
8 independence are a testament to the Republic of Korea’s enduring
9 strength and resiliency; and

10 WHEREAS, On Korean Independence Day, Koreans throughout
11 the world unite to commemorate this day through parades, concerts,
12 and celebrations that showcase Korea’s rich cultural heritage; and

13 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 455,000 Korean
14 Americans who celebrate this important holiday; and

15 WHEREAS, The Korean American community has enriched
16 the cultural, social, and economic landscape of California; and

17 WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day is an opportunity to
18 celebrate the great contributions of Korean Americans to the United
19 States; and

20 WHEREAS, The Republic of Korea and the United States are
21 historic allies that share common values and objectives through
22 economic interdependence and security; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That August
2 15, 2017, is hereby commemorated as Korean Independence Day;
3 and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk transmit copies of this resolution
5 to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 49 (Choi) – As Introduced July 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Korean Independence Day

SUMMARY: Commemorates August 15, 2017 as Korean Independence Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) August 15, 2017, marks the 72nd anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Korea.
- 2) Korean Independence Day or Gwangbokjeol, commemorates the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonization on August 15, 1945. The thousands of brave Korean service members and civilians who lost their lives or were imprisoned fighting for independence are a testament to the Republic of Korea's enduring strength and resiliency.
- 3) On Korean Independence Day, Koreans throughout the world unite to commemorate this day through parades, concerts, and celebrations that showcase Korea's rich cultural heritage.
- 4) California is home to more than 455,000 Korean Americans who celebrate this important holiday.
- 5) Korean Independence Day is an opportunity to celebrate the great contributions of Korean Americans to the United States.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Introduced by Senator Mitchell
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hertzberg)**

June 22, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 66, as introduced, Mitchell. Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize the month of July 2017 as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of
2 disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four
3 families and impacting both persons with the illness and those
4 persons who care for and love the persons afflicted; and
5 WHEREAS, Untreated serious mental illness costs Americans
6 approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and
7 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health has
8 reported that many people suffer from more than one mental
9 disorder at a given time and 45 percent of those with any mental
10 disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including diabetes,
11 cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and cancer, and the severity
12 of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity; and
13 WHEREAS, One in five adults (43.8 million or 18.5%)
14 experiences mental illness in a given year. One in 25 adults (10
15 million or 4.2%) experiences a serious mental illness that

1 substantially interferes with one or more major life activities. One
2 in five youth 13 to 18 years of age, inclusive, (21.4%) experiences
3 a severe mental disorder at some point during their life; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the 1999 Surgeon General’s Report
5 on Mental Illness, adult Caucasians who suffer from depression
6 or an anxiety disorder are more likely to receive treatment than
7 adult African Americans with the same disorders, even though the
8 disorders occur in both groups at about the same rate, when taking
9 into account socioeconomic factors; and

10 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, African
11 Americans receive less care and poorer quality of care and often
12 lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental
13 health care disparities; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
15 Project report, “Pathways into the Black Population for Eliminating
16 Mental Health Disparities,” the African American population
17 reveals alarming statistics related to mental health, including high
18 rates of serious psychological distress, depression, suicide attempts,
19 dual diagnoses, and many other mental health concerns, and that
20 co-occurring conditions with physical health problems, including
21 high rates of heart disease, cancer, stroke, infant mortality,
22 violence, substance abuse, and intergenerational unresolved trauma,
23 provide a complex set of issues that places the population in a
24 crisis state; and

25 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
26 Disparities Project report, in relationship to the African American
27 population, the mental health system has offered inaccurate
28 diagnoses, disproportionate findings of severe illness, greater usage
29 of involuntary commitments, and a woeful inadequacy of service
30 integration. The complexity of these factors has created an intense
31 stigma in the African American community that disparages mental
32 illness as “crazy,” a condition and a status that are viewed as
33 personally caused and difficult to resolve; and

34 WHEREAS, The African American population has rejected the
35 label “crazy” and continues to work within its communities using
36 strategies and interventions that it knows work to help its people
37 overcome physical, social, emotional, and psychological limitations
38 and challenges; and

39 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
40 Project report, “Community-Defined Solutions for Latino Mental

1 Health Care Disparities,” participants see negative perceptions
2 about mental health care as a significant factor contributing to
3 limited or nonexistent access to care, and the most common
4 concerns are stigma, culture, masculinity, exposure to violence,
5 and lack of information and awareness, among many others; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
7 Disparities Project report, a substantial proportion of the Latino
8 participants believe that limited access and underutilization of
9 mental health services in the Latino community are primarily due
10 to gaps in culturally and linguistically appropriate services, in
11 conjunction with a shortage of bilingual and bicultural mental
12 health workers, an absence of educational programs for Latino
13 youth, and a system of care that is too rigid; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
15 Project report, “Native Vision: A Focus on Improving Behavioral
16 Health Wellness for California Native Americans,” most American
17 Indians and Alaska Natives living in California are expected to
18 learn to cope in both Western and Native American worlds on a
19 daily basis. Native Americans within California have shared
20 concerns about loss of culture, alcohol and drug abuse, and
21 depression and suicide as contributing factors to mental health
22 disparities, and the disconnection of culture and traditional values
23 has fragmented Native American communities, families, and
24 individuals; and

25 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
26 Disparities Project report, being misdiagnosed and given severe
27 mental health diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect the
28 person’s self-esteem, which, in turn, can discourage the person
29 from seeking help through Native American practices and cultural
30 identity through community involvement; and

31 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
32 Disparities Project report, lack of cultural identity can impede the
33 mental health healing process. Western mental health service
34 delivery focuses on the individual, rather than taking into
35 consideration the Native American community as a whole, and a
36 holistic approach is needed for individual, family, and community
37 wellness; and

38 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
39 Project report, “In Our Own Words,” which details disparities in
40 the Asian American and Pacific Islander (API) population, API

1 community members report high rates of mental health conditions
2 but have difficulty accessing services due to cultural and linguistic
3 barriers. Language, in particular, presents a substantial challenge
4 as many API community members have limited English
5 proficiency, and interpreters, when available, often lack the
6 expertise in mental health terminology and cultural knowledge to
7 effectively communicate with the patient; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
9 Disparities Project report, stigma and misconceptions about mental
10 health concerns are also significant barriers to API persons seeking
11 mental health services, especially because many API languages
12 lack a vocabulary for mental health concerns that is not derogatory,
13 mental health care that is truly culturally competent for API persons
14 is often unavailable, and standard Western methods of assessing
15 and treating mental health clients may not be appropriate; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
17 Project report, “First, Do No Harm: Reducing Disparities for
18 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning
19 (LGBTQ) Populations in California,” coming out as LGBTQ for
20 members of African American, Latino, Native American, and API
21 populations may require them to choose between the safety of their
22 families and cultural environment and their LGBTQ identities.
23 Their unique needs and status are often rendered invisible, in any
24 community with which they choose to associate, and too often
25 they find themselves having to choose; and

26 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
27 Disparities Project report, LGBTQ participants from these
28 populations indicated dissatisfaction with how mental health care
29 providers had met their needs regarding their intersecting identities
30 and their racial or ethnic concerns. They also reported being
31 rejected by mental health care providers due to their sexual
32 orientation; and

33 WHEREAS, According to the same California Reducing
34 Disparities Project report, Latino, Native American, and API
35 participants reported higher rates of seriously considering suicide
36 compared to Caucasian participants. When compared to other
37 groups, African American participants reported almost twice as
38 many suicide attempts that needed treatment by a doctor or nurse;
39 and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable
2 mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma,
3 cost, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis,
4 or no diagnosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Communities of color are in need of culturally
6 competent mental health resources and the training of all health
7 care providers to serve multiethnic patients; and

8 WHEREAS, Mental health providers and advocates must be
9 encouraged to incorporate and integrate minority mental health
10 education and outreach within their respective programs, including
11 the use of peer support; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile
13 justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at
14 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually
15 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,
16 thus leaving those incarcerated in vulnerable conditions; and

17 WHEREAS, Minority mental health patients are often among
18 the so-called “working poor” who face additional challenges
19 because they are underinsured or uninsured, which often leads to
20 late diagnosis or no diagnosis of mental illness; and

21 WHEREAS, The faith, customs, values, and traditions of a
22 variety of ethnic groups should be taken into consideration when
23 attempting to treat and diagnose mental illnesses; and

24 WHEREAS, African Americans and Hispanic Americans used
25 mental health services at about one-half the rate of Caucasians in
26 the past year, and Asian Americans used mental health services at
27 about one-third the rate of Caucasians; and

28 WHEREAS, African Americans are misdiagnosed at a higher
29 rate than persons of other ethnic groups within the mental health
30 delivery system, and greater effort must be made to accurately
31 assess the mental health of African Americans; and

32 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of
33 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of
34 brain diseases in order to assist with advocacy for persons of color
35 with mental illness, so that they may receive adequate and
36 appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully
37 functioning members of society; and

38 WHEREAS, Community mobilization of resources is needed
39 to advocate, educate, and train mental health care providers to help
40 remove barriers to the treatment of mental disorders; and

1 WHEREAS, Access to mental health treatment and services is
2 of paramount importance; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care and
4 emergency physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental
5 health care providers, to offer culturally appropriate services, to
6 seek the appropriate referrals to specialists, and to encourage timely
7 and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a need to support services that are
9 developed and provided by individuals and family members living
10 with mental illness from diverse communities in order to overcome
11 barriers to access and to decrease stigma; and

12 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to enhance public
13 awareness of mental illness, especially within minority
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The late Bebe Moore Campbell, a mother,
16 grandmother, wife, friend, advocate, celebrated writer and
17 journalist, radio commentator, community activist, cofounder of
18 the National Alliance on Mental Illness Urban Los Angeles,
19 University of Pittsburgh trustee and educator, and recipient of
20 numerous awards and honors, was recognized for her tireless
21 advocacy and fight to bring awareness and attention to mental
22 illness among minorities with the release of her New York Times
23 best-selling novel, “72 Hour Hold,” and her children’s book,
24 “Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry,” both of which bring
25 awareness to the plight of those with brain disorders; and

26 WHEREAS, Bebe Moore Campbell, through her dedication and
27 commitment, sought to move communities to support mental
28 wellness through effective treatment options, to provide open
29 access to mental health treatment and services, and to improve
30 community outreach and support for the many loved ones who are
31 unable to speak for themselves; and

32 WHEREAS, In 2008, the United States House of Representatives
33 proclaimed the month of July as Bebe Moore Campbell National
34 Minority Mental Health Awareness Month; and

35 WHEREAS, July is an appropriate month to recognize as Bebe
36 Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness
37 Month; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
40 month of July 2017 as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority

- 1 Mental Health Awareness Month in California to enhance public
- 2 awareness of mental illness among minorities; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 66 (Mitchell) – As Introduced June 22, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 33-0

SUBJECT: Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of July 2017 as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and impacting both persons with the illness and those persons who care for and love the persons afflicted.
- 2) African Americans and Hispanic Americans used mental health services at about one-half the rate of Caucasians in the past year, and Asian Americans used mental health services at about one-third the rate of Caucasians.
- 3) Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma, cost, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no diagnosis. Communities of color are in need of culturally competent mental health resources and the training of all health care providers to serve multiethnic patients.
- 4) Minority mental health patients are often among the so-called “working poor” who face additional challenges because they are underinsured or uninsured, which often leads to late diagnosis or no diagnosis of mental illness.
- 5) Mental health providers and advocates must be encouraged to incorporate and integrate minority mental health education and outreach within their respective programs, including the use of peer support.
- 6) There is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases in order to assist with advocacy for persons of color with mental illness, so that they may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society.
- 7) The late Bebe Moore Campbell, a mother, grandmother, wife, friend, advocate, celebrated writer and journalist, radio commentator, community activist, cofounder of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Urban Los Angeles, University of Pittsburgh trustee and educator, and recipient of numerous awards and honors, was recognized for her tireless advocacy and fight to bring awareness and attention to mental illness among minorities with the release of her New York Times best-selling novel, “72 Hour Hold,” and her children’s book, *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry*,” both of which bring awareness to the plight of those with brain disorders. Bebe Moore Campbell, through her dedication and commitment, sought to move communities to support mental wellness through effective treatment options,

to provide open access to mental health treatment and services, and to improve community outreach and support for the many loved ones who are unable to speak for themselves.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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July 11, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules
California State Assembly, Room 3016
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Re: Urgency Clause on SB 4 (Mendoza)

Dear Chairman Cooley:

SB 4 codifies the existing ordinance establishing the Board of Governors for CalOptima, the \$3.5 Billion county organized health system (COHS) which serves almost 800,000 Orange County Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Generally, a county Board of Supervisors defines the membership and appoints members of a COHS governing board. Orange County, however, has struggled to find a balance and has amended its ordinance four times over the last decade. Most other COHS's ordinances have only been amended once on that issue. The Orange County ordinance was most recently revised in 2016, in which the Board of Supervisors required the Board of Governors to reapply for their positions.

SB 4 codifies the existing ordinance and raises the vote threshold to remove a member by one vote. In response to my bill, a proposal has been offered to the Orange County Board of Supervisors to remake the board again. That proposal conflicts with common practice, eliminates three public and professional members, and consolidates power with the Board of Supervisors.

In order to avoid a complete and unfounded turnover of the CalOptima board, I respectfully request the approval of the Assembly Committee on Rules to amend SB 4 to add an urgency clause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Mendoza", written over a circular blue stamp.

TONY MENDOZA
Senator, 32nd Senate District

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