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Monday, May 1, 2017
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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California Legislature Assembly Rules Committee

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/28/2017
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AB 1721 has been added to the referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/01/2017

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1721</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>ACR 78</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 79</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 81</u>	RLS.
<u>AJR 10</u>	JUD.
<u>AJR 13</u>	J., E.D. & E.
<u>SCR 21</u>	RLS.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

05/01/2017

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 646

JUDICIARY

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 61

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

April 18, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 61, as introduced, Nazarian. Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day.

This measure would recognize May 16, 2017, as Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day, and commend those medical professionals, researchers, advocates, parents, and families who have committed themselves to better understanding and promoting awareness of congenital disorders of glycosylation.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In communities throughout the State of California
2 and the United States of America, many families must endure the
3 suffering of loved ones affected by congenital disorders of
4 glycosylation (CDG); and
5 WHEREAS, CDG is the umbrella term for a rapidly expanding
6 group of rare genetic, metabolic disorders caused by defects in the
7 body’s complex biochemical process of glycosylation; and
8 WHEREAS, Glycosylation is the process by which “sugar
9 trees”—glycans—are created, altered, and chemically attached to
10 specific proteins and lipids, thereby creating glycoproteins and
11 glycolipids, respectively, which serve numerous important
12 functions in various tissues and organs. Glycosylation involves

1 many different genes in the encoding of numerous varying proteins,
2 including enzymes, and a deficiency or lack of one of these
3 enzymes may lead to various symptoms potentially affecting
4 multiple organ systems; and

5 WHEREAS, CDG can be associated with a broad range of
6 symptoms and may vary in severity from mild, disabling cases to
7 severe, life-threatening forms. Most often inherited as autosomal
8 recessive conditions, CDG is usually apparent from infancy, with
9 individual disorders representing a mutation to a specific gene;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, First reported in medical literature by Dr. Jaak
12 Jaeken and his colleagues in 1980, CDG, as a wide-ranging family
13 of disorders, has since expanded to include more than 125
14 individual disorders, the most commonly diagnosed of which is
15 PMM2-CDG, whose symptoms typically include neurological
16 problems, visual complications, cerebellar hypoplasia, liver disease,
17 kidney cysts, heart abnormalities, diarrhea, and abnormal fat
18 distribution under the skin, among others. Most other forms of
19 CDG cause a similar range of symptoms, with the exception of
20 MPI-CDG, which does not produce neurological problems; and

21 WHEREAS, CDG affects males and females in equal numbers,
22 and while the exact incidence rate or prevalence of these disorders
23 in the general population remains unknown, with researchers
24 believing that many cases go unrecognized or misdiagnosed,
25 PMM2-CDG alone has been reported in more than 900 individuals;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Although not as widespread nor widely understood
28 as other disorders and illnesses, CDG has nonetheless affected
29 many American individuals and their families, and until a cure is
30 found, the responsibility of supporting efforts to provide treatment
31 for those living with any one of these myriad, varying disorders
32 remains of utmost importance; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes May 16, 2017,
35 as Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day, and
36 commends those medical professionals, researchers, advocates,
37 parents, and families who have committed themselves to better
38 understanding and promoting awareness of congenital disorders
39 of glycosylation; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Governor and to the author for appropriate
- 3 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 1, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 61 (Nazarian) – As Introduced April 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 16, 2017, as Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day, and commends those medical professionals, researchers, advocates, parents, and families who have committed themselves to better understanding and promoting awareness of congenital disorders of glycosylation. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Throughout the State of California and the United States, many families must endure the suffering of loved ones affected by congenital disorders of glycosylation (CDG).
- 2) CDG is the umbrella term for a rapidly expanding group of rare genetic, metabolic disorders caused by defects in the body's complex biochemical process of glycosylation.
- 3) Glycosylation is the process by which “sugar trees,” glycans, are created, altered, and chemically attached to specific proteins and lipids, thereby creating glycoproteins and glycolipids, respectively, which serve numerous important functions in various tissues and organs. Glycosylation involves many different genes in the encoding of numerous varying proteins, including enzymes, and a deficiency or lack of one of these enzymes may lead to various symptoms potentially affecting multiple organ systems.
- 4) CDG can be associated with a broad range of symptoms and may vary in severity from mild, disabling cases to severe, life-threatening forms. Most often inherited as autosomal recessive conditions, CDG is usually apparent from infancy, with individual disorders representing a mutation to a specific gene.
- 5) Dr. Jaak Jaeken and his colleagues first reported CDG in medical literature in 1980, as a wide-ranging family of disorders. CDG has since expanded to include more than 125 individual disorders, the most commonly diagnosed of which is PMM2-CDG, whose symptoms typically include neurological problems, visual complications, cerebellar hypoplasia, liver disease, kidney cysts, heart abnormalities, diarrhea, and abnormal fat distribution under the skin, among others.
- 6) CDG affects males and females in equal numbers, and while the exact incidence rate or prevalence of these disorders in the general population remains unknown, with researchers believing that many cases go unrecognized or misdiagnosed, PMM2-CDG alone has been reported in more than 900 individuals.
- 7) Although not as widespread nor widely understood as other disorders and illnesses, CDG has nonetheless affected many American individuals and their families. Until a cure is found, the responsibility of supporting efforts to provide treatment for those living with any one of these myriad, varying disorders remains of utmost importance.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 26, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 69

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

April 20, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to Compost Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 69, as amended, Arambula. Compost Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 7, 2017, through May 13, 2017, as Compost Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction,
2 reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up
3 approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills,
4 composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities
5 use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 719 of the Statutes of 2014 phased out
8 diversion credits for organic alternative daily cover in landfills,
9 Chapter 727 of the Statutes of 2014 statutorily mandated
10 commercial recycling of organics, and Chapter 593 of the Statutes
11 of 2015 required organic waste recycling planning by local
12 jurisdictions; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 42649.87 of the Public Resources Code
14 requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, in
15 coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and

1 Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air
2 Resources Board, and the Department of Food and Agriculture,
3 to “develop and implement policies to aid in diverting organic
4 waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry,
5 and urban organic waste as a feedstock for ~~composting~~ *compost*
6 and by promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout
7 the state”; and

8 WHEREAS, Materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable
9 cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, have
10 been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as
11 compost; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources to the soil reduces
13 water consumption by over 30 percent on all soil types, conserves
14 water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreases
15 dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases
16 erosion and nonpoint source pollution; and

17 WHEREAS, Composting is recognized by the State Air
18 Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts
19 of carbon in California’s soils to help immediately reverse global
20 warming; and

21 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,
22 highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works
23 professionals, can have significant ~~impact~~ *impacts* on clean water,
24 soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for
25 public works projects; and

26 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a
27 multimedia publicity and educational initiative to showcase
28 compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

29 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure
30 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

31 WHEREAS, The United States Composting Council, Canada,
32 and the United Kingdom have declared the first week of May to
33 be the annual International ~~Composting~~ *Compost* Awareness Week;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, The Association of Compost Producers is the
36 California State Chapter of the United States Composting Council
37 and manages International ~~Composting~~ *Compost* Awareness Week
38 in California; and

39 WHEREAS, The theme of 2017, ~~“Compost: the Solution to~~
40 ~~Sustainable Soil and Water,”~~ *“Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy*

1 *Food,”* is a great way to get the message out regarding compost
2 and its many benefits to communities and property owners; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
5 *thereof concurring,* That the week of May 7, 2017, through May
6 13, 2017, is hereby designated as Compost Awareness Week; and
7 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 1, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 69 (Arambula) – As Amended April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Compost Awareness Week

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 7, 2017, through May 13, 2017, as Compost Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities.
- 2) Materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, have been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost.
- 3) Returning organic resources to the soil reduces water consumption by over 30 percent on all soil types, conserves water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and nonpoint source pollution.
- 4) Composting is recognized by the State Air Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts of carbon in California's soils to help immediately reverse global warming. Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works professionals, can have significant impacts on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects.
- 5) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs.
- 6) International Compost Awareness Week is a multimedia publicity and educational initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use.
- 7) The theme of 2017, "Compost!, Healthy Soil, Healthy Food," is a great way to get the message out regarding compost and its many benefits to communities and property owners.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Association of Compost Producers
Californians Against Waste
California Refuse Recycling Council (CRRC)

Opposition

None on file

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



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April 25, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support

Location: Assembly Rules Committee

RE: ACR 69 (Arambula) Compost Awareness Week (As Introduced April 20, 2017)

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

The Association of Compost Producers (ACP) is a non-profit, 501(c)6, trade association of public and private organizations dedicated to increasing the quality, value and amount of compost being produced and used in California. We do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people and the environment.

The producers of compost in California heartily support Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69 — Compost Awareness Week. For all of the reasons contained in ACR 69 our business and municipal members and their customers and constituencies produce and use compost from the organic residuals that we all generate every day of the year. By returning these residuals back to the soil, we complete the cycle in our human economy, producing a valuable product that would otherwise be wasted. International Compost Awareness Week helps bring this central green business to the attention of all of us globally and in California, since we all participate in this renewable carbon cycle, with compost completing the cycle.

We thank you for introducing ACR 69, thereby underscoring the many environmental, economic and social benefits that compost will deliver to the state as outlined in this important resolution.

Association of Compost Producers
"We Build Healthy Soil"

If you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at 916-443-0202 or lynch@lynchlobby.com.

Sincerely,



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Californians Against Waste

Conserving Resources. Preventing Pollution. Protecting the Environment.

April 26, 2017

Assembly Member Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via fax (916) 319-2810

Re: ACR 69 (Arambula) Compost Awareness Week – Support

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

We urge your support of ACR 69, which declares the week of May 7th, 2017, through May 13th, 2017 Compost Awareness Week. This resolution outlines the many important benefits of compost to the state's environment and economy.

As any home gardener can tell you, compost improves soil structure and texture, while allowing the soil to hold more moisture and prevent erosion. Using compost cuts irrigation demand by up to 30%, at a time we need it most. The organic materials provided in compost also stimulate healthy root development in plants and keeps the soil itself healthy through the microorganisms prevalent in compost. In addition, agricultural production uses the valuable nutrients in soils to grow crops, which are then transported to urban areas for sale. This creates an ongoing carbon deficit, with more and more natural carbon leaving the agricultural areas and ending up buried in landfills. Composting can help return this valuable material to the soil and feed the soil that feeds us.

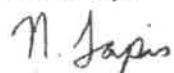
When landfilled, organic materials break rot in anaerobic conditions and release methane, a greenhouse gas 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide. If all of California's food scraps were recycled, our landfill emissions would be cut by up to 3 million tons of CO₂/year. In addition to the GHG benefit of avoided landfill emissions, the state Air Resources Board estimates that, when applied, the compost made from this material will reduce greenhouse gases by an additional 3.3 million tons per year because of increased carbon storage and decreased water use, soil erosion and fertilizer application.

In addition to greenhouse gases, landfills are also a significant source of water pollution and air emissions. Given that most of the other materials being landfilled are inert, this pollution comes mostly from the organic materials that are breaking down in the landfill. Moreover, a recent study by San Diego State University found that composting reduces naturally occurring VOC emissions by over 90%. When natural materials break down they release VOC emissions, but those same emissions in a compost pile get filtered through the compost before being emitted. This creates a natural "biofilter," similar to those used to control emissions at industrial facilities.

Composting also means business in California. Ton for ton, composting generates 4 times more jobs than landfilling the same material. It simply takes much more effort to make a quality soil amendment than to bury rotting food in a giant hole. CalRecycle estimates that recovering enough organic waste to meet the state's 75% goal will generate 14,000 new jobs by 2020.

Please support ACR 69 when it is heard in committee.

Sincerely,



Nick Lapis
Legislative Coordinator

cc Members, Assembly Rules Committee
Assembly Member Dr. Joaquin Arambula



JOINT STATE OFFICE

April 24, 2017

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula
California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACR 69 (Arambula) **NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Arambula:

On behalf of the California Refuse Recycling Council (CRRC), a trade association representing more than 100 solid waste collection and recycling companies throughout California, we are pleased to offer our support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69 – Compost Awareness Week.

Many of our members produce compost in California from organic residuals generated throughout the state. By returning these residuals back to the soil, we complete the cycle in our human economy, producing a valuable product that would otherwise be wasted. International Compost Awareness Week helps bring this important process to the attention of Californians and worldwide, highlighting this renewable carbon cycle, with compost completing the cycle.

We thank you for introducing ACR 69, thereby underscoring the many environmental, economic and social benefits that compost will deliver to the state as outlined in this important resolution.

Sincerely,

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Assembly Member Berman

April 24, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 73, as introduced, Berman. Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day.

This measure would declare May 6, 2017, as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Moyamoya disease is a rare, progressive, incurable
2 disorder of the cerebrovascular system that causes arteries at the
3 base of the brain to narrow, resulting in blocked blood flow to the
4 brain; and

5 WHEREAS, To compensate for the blockage, the body forms
6 a tangle of tiny blood vessels that resemble a “puff of smoke”; and

7 WHEREAS, The term “moyamoya” means “puff of smoke” in
8 Japanese, which is how the tangle appeared to Japanese doctors
9 who first described the disorder in the 1960s; and

10 WHEREAS, Moyamoya may lead to transient ischemic attacks
11 (TIA), commonly referred to as “mini strokes,” in both children
12 and adults, followed by muscular weakness or paralysis on one
13 side of the body, or seizures; and

14 WHEREAS, Other symptoms of the disorder include vision
15 problems, disturbed consciousness, reduced cognitive ability,

1 distorted functioning of senses, involuntary movements, and
2 aphasia, a speech problem that impairs language comprehension;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Because the arteries continue to narrow, surgery
5 is needed to prevent mental decline and recurrent strokes; and

6 WHEREAS, Moyamoya does not discriminate, affecting people
7 of all ethnicities, ages, and genders; and

8 WHEREAS, Moyamoya affects approximately one in every
9 one-to-two million people. However, it is suspected that a large
10 portion of the population is currently misdiagnosed or
11 underdiagnosed due to lack of awareness among both the public
12 and physicians; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares May 6,
15 2017, as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day in California; and
16 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 1, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 73 (Berman) – As Introduced April 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day

SUMMARY: Declares May 6, 2017, as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Moyamoya disease is a rare, progressive, incurable disorder of the cerebrovascular systems that causes arteries at the base of the brain to narrow, resulting in blocked blood flow to the brain.
- 2) To compensate for the blockage, the body forms a tangle of tiny blood vessels that resemble a “puff of smoke.” The term “moyamoya” means “puff of smoke” in Japanese, which is how the tangle appeared to Japanese doctors who first described the disorder in the 1960s.
- 3) Moyamoya may lead to transient ischemic attacks, commonly referred to as “mini strokes,” in both children and adults, followed by muscular weakness or paralysis on one side of the body or seizures.
- 4) Other symptoms of the disorder include vision problems, disturbed consciousness, reduced cognitive ability, distorted functioning of senses, involuntary movements, and aphasia, a speech problem that impairs language comprehension.
- 5) Moyamoya does not discriminate, affecting people of all ethnicities, ages, and genders with approximately one in every one-to-two million people affected. It is suspected that a large portion of the population is currently misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed due to lack of awareness among both the public and physicians.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Stanford Health Care

Opposition

None on file

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

April 27, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
State Capitol Building, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 73 (Berman)—SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

On behalf of Stanford Health Care, we are pleased to sponsor ACR 73, which designates May 6, 2017 as Moyamoya Day in California.

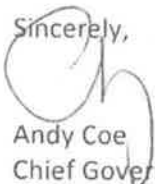
Moyamoya was first identified in Japan about 50 years ago and was named by its researchers to describe its appearance in the brain – a tangle of arteries that look like a puff of smoke. The tangled arteries block blood flow in the brain and those blockages have devastating effects: strokes, progressive cognitive decline, and seizures. The disease can affect both children and adults. Although initially thought to be limited to the Asian population, moyamoya is now known to affect people from all races and ethnicities.

Stanford Health Care provides comprehensive care and treatment for neurological conditions, including moyamoya. The Stanford Moyamoya Center offers a highly-experienced group of professionals who see moyamoya patients each week, making Stanford the largest moyamoya referral center in the world.

We are grateful for your leadership in highlighting the importance of educating Californians about moyamoya.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to call me. It would be a pleasure to speak with you.

Sincerely,



Andy Coe
Chief Government and Community Relations Officer
Stanford Health Care

House Resolution

No. 31

Introduced by Assembly Member Low
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chau, Chu, Muratsuchi, Nazarian,
and Ting)

April 19, 2017

House Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Day.

- 1 WHEREAS, The 150th anniversary of the completion of the
2 Transcontinental Railroad will take place on May 10, 2019; and
3 WHEREAS, The Transcontinental Railroad was one of the most
4 remarkable engineering feats of the 19th century; and
5 WHEREAS, The construction of the Transcontinental Railroad
6 took six years and stretched for nearly 2,000 miles; and
7 WHEREAS, The completion of the Transcontinental Railroad
8 facilitated commerce and reduced cross-country travel times from
9 six months to a single week; and
10 WHEREAS, Nearly 12,000 Chinese immigrants were employed
11 in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, comprising
12 more than 80 percent of the workforce of Central Pacific Railroad
13 Company; and
14 WHEREAS, The Chinese railroad workers were considered
15 indispensable by their foremen and were respected for their work
16 ethic and discipline; and
17 WHEREAS, The Chinese railroad workers set a world record
18 by laying 10 miles of railroad track in just one workday; and
19 WHEREAS, The Chinese railroad workers were given the most
20 difficult, dangerous jobs and were paid lower wages than other
21 railroad workers; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly 1,200 Chinese railroad workers died from
2 work accidents, avalanches, and explosions while working in the
3 Sierra Nevada Mountains; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor has
5 inducted the Chinese railroad workers into the Labor Hall of Honor
6 for their courage in organizing in pursuit of fair wages and safe
7 working conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, Through their fight against discrimination, the
9 Chinese railroad workers set an example for the millions of Asian
10 Americans who came to the United States after them; and

11 WHEREAS, Both the descendants of these workers and the
12 wider Asian American community view the sacrifices of the
13 Chinese railroad workers as being integral to the creation of the
14 vibrant and growing Asian American community that exists
15 throughout the country today; and

16 WHEREAS, The Chinese railroad workers continue to have a
17 profound, positive impact on the American way of life by
18 advancing the ideals of equal opportunity and the dignity of work
19 for everyone; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Assembly recognizes and honors the Chinese railroad workers
22 who labored from 1865 to 1869 to build the Transcontinental
23 Railroad by designating May 10, 2017, and each May 10 thereafter,
24 as California Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Day; and be it
25 further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
27 of this resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly, the President
28 pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor of the State of
29 California.

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Date of Hearing: May 1, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 31 (Low) – As Introduced April 19, 2017

SUBJECT: California Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Day

SUMMARY: Designates May 10, 2017, and each May 10 thereafter, as California Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Day and honors the Chinese railroad workers who labored from 1865 to 1869 to build the Transcontinental Railroad. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad will take place on May 10, 2019.
- 2) The construction of the Transcontinental Railroad took six years and stretched for nearly 2,000 miles, one of the most remarkable engineering feats of the 19th century.
- 3) Nearly 12,000 Chinese immigrants were employed in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, comprising more than 80 percent of the workforce of Central Pacific Railroad Company. These workers were considered indispensable by their foreman and were respected for their work ethic and discipline.
- 4) The Chinese railroad workers set a world record by laying 10 miles of railroad track in just one workday.
- 5) The Chinese railroad workers were given the most difficult, dangerous jobs and were paid lower wages than other railroad workers. Nearly 1,200 Chinese railroad workers died from work accidents, avalanches, and explosions while working in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
- 6) The United States Department of Labor has inducted the Chinese railroad workers into the Labor Hall of Honor for their courage in organizing in pursuit of fair wages and safe working conditions.
- 7) Through their fight against discrimination, the Chinese railroad workers set an example for the millions of Asian Americans who came to the United States after them.
- 8) Both the descendants of these workers and the wider Asian American community view the sacrifices of the Chinese railroad workers as being integral to the creation of the vibrant and growing Asian American community that exists throughout the country today.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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