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Thursday, May 10, 2018  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/9/18  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/10/2018

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 230</u>	TRANS.
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<u>SB 1493</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 1493</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>SCR 137</u>	RLS.
<u>SJR 20</u>	U. & E.



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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/9/18  
**Re:** Consent Bill Re-Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill re-referrals, there have been no changes.

## RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

05/10/2018

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

SB 452

NAT. RES.

SB 518

W., P., & W.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 227**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Caballero, Dahle,**  
**Eggman, Friedman, and Rubio)**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill, McGuire, and Stone)**

April 30, 2018

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 227—Relative to California Zinfandel Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 227, as introduced, Cooper. California Zinfandel Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2018, and each May thereafter, as California Zinfandel Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The zinfandel grape arrived in California during  
2 the 1850s gold rush; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its arrival in California, zinfandel has  
4 consistently been the state’s most widely planted grape, and  
5 remains among grapes in that category in the present day; and

6 WHEREAS, Zinfandel is a versatile grape that can produce  
7 wine that is light and fruity, like Beaujolais, complex, like cabernet  
8 or claret, or even syrupy and sweet, like port; and

9 WHEREAS, Through genetic analysis, Dr. Carole P. Meredith,  
10 former professor at the University of California, Davis, traced the  
11 zinfandel grape’s origins to the Dalmatia region of Croatia, where,  
12 as early as the 15th century, it was a staple of the region’s  
13 economy; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, California has some of the most exceptional  
2 regions in the world for growing the zinfandel grape, from the  
3 state's cooler regions, which produce wines with red-berry fruit  
4 flavors, like raspberry, to its warmer regions, which produce wines  
5 with notes of blackberry, anise, and pepper; and

6 WHEREAS, These regions of the state contain some of the  
7 oldest zinfandel vineyards in the world, especially the Lodi  
8 viticultural area ("Lodi"), where 100-year-old vines continue to  
9 produce outstanding wine; and

10 WHEREAS, In Lodi, zinfandel grapes are grown on  
11 freestanding, head-trained vines, planted on their own natural roots  
12 in the deep, sandy loam soils of the Mokelumne River area, which  
13 offer natural protection from the phylloxera louse, and cause the  
14 vines to develop stronger, deeper rooting systems to find water;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Deep-rooted old vines grow a healthy balance of  
17 fruit and canopy, producing high-quality, delicious fruit, but this  
18 method of growth, fundamental to Lodi's terroir, is expensive to  
19 maintain, as pruning, leaf-pulling, shoot-thinning, and harvesting  
20 are done by hand; and

21 WHEREAS, Due to labor shortages, some growers are uprooting  
22 old zinfandel vines and replacing them with more lucrative varieties  
23 that are easier and less expensive to grow; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2017, Kevin Phillips, Vice President of  
25 Operations for Michael David Winery and Phillips Farms,  
26 estimated that 10 percent of Lodi's old vine plantings would be  
27 pulled that year, describing this loss as "living history being  
28 demolished"; and

29 WHEREAS, In the face of new challenges to the venerable  
30 zinfandel grape, which might be known as California's heritage  
31 grape, zinfandel wine deserves renewed recognition for its unique  
32 contributions to this state and compelling character; now, therefore,  
33 be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes  
36 zinfandel wine for its cultural and historical contribution to  
37 California, and its importance to the state's wine industry, by  
38 proclaiming the month of May 2018, and each May thereafter, to  
39 be California Zinfandel Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 227 (Cooper) – As Introduced April 30, 2018

**SUBJECT:** California Zinfandel Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of May 2018, and each May thereafter, as California Zinfandel Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The zinfandel grape arrived in California during the 1850s gold rush; and, since its arrival, zinfandel has consistently been the state’s most widely planted grape, and remains among grapes in that category in the present day.
- 2) Zinfandel is a versatile grape that can produce wine that is light and fruity, like Beaujolais, complex, like cabernet or claret, or even syrupy and sweet, like port.
- 3) Today, California has some of the most exceptional regions in the world for growing the zinfandel grape, from the state’s cooler regions, which produce wines with red-berry fruit flavors, like raspberry, to its warmer regions, which produce wines with notes of blackberry, anise, and pepper.
- 4) These regions of the state contain some of the oldest zinfandel vineyards in the world, especially the Lodi viticulture area (“Lodi”), where 100-year-old vines continue to produce outstanding wine.
- 5) Deep-rooted old vines grow a healthy balance of fruit and canopy, producing high-quality, delicious fruit, but this method of growth, fundamental to Lodi’s terroir, is expensive to maintain, as pruning, leaf-pulling, shoot-thinning, and harvesting are done by hand.
- 6) Due to labor shortages, some growers are uprooting old zinfandel vines and replacing them with more lucrative varieties that are easier and less expensive to grow. In 2017, Kevin Phillips, Vice President of Operations for Michael David Winery and Phillips Farms, estimated that 10 percent of Lodi’s old vine plantings would be pulled that year, describing this loss as “living history being demolished.”
- 7) In the face of new challenges to the venerable zinfandel grape, which might be known as California’s heritage grape, zinfandel wine deserves renewed recognition for its unique contributions to this state and compelling character.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 231**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Chau, Chen, Choi, Chu,**  
**Fong, Gloria, Kalra, Low, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, and Ting)**  
**(Coauthors: Senators De León, Nguyen, and Pan)**

May 2, 2018

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 231—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 231, as introduced, Chiu. May 2018: Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific  
2 Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New  
3 Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the  
4 Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and  
5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made  
6 indelible contributions to the history of California and the United  
7 States that include, but are not limited to, building the  
8 Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the Armed Forces,  
9 fighting for the United States in foreign wars, coorganizing the  
10 Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and  
11 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured  
12 hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and

1 discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and  
2 nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized  
3 citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation  
4 laws, and Japanese internment; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to  
6 cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business,  
7 technology, education, science, government, law, humanities,  
8 medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

9 WHEREAS, California is home to over 6.3 million Asian and  
10 Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian  
11 and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing  
12 ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute  
14 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse  
15 ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Indian, Bangladeshi,  
16 Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Taiwanese,  
17 Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jima, Guamanian,  
18 Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian,  
19 Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Okinawan, Pakistani,  
20 Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai, Tongan, and other Pacific  
21 Islander; and

22 WHEREAS, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American  
23 entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses  
24 to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally,  
25 and 31.5 percent of the nation's Asian-owned businesses are in  
26 California; and

27 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific  
28 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged  
29 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on  
30 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,  
31 and interests of California's Asian and Pacific Islander American  
32 communities; and

33 WHEREAS, The California Joint Asian and Pacific Islander  
34 Legislative Caucus, a caucus of State Assembly Members and  
35 Senators, is composed of 16 Members during this session and  
36 represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse Asian and  
37 Pacific Islander American communities; and

38 WHEREAS, Federal law designates May as "Asian/Pacific  
39 American Heritage Month" in Section 102 of Title 36 of the United  
40 States Code; and

1 WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage  
2 Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the  
3 achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific  
4 Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and  
7 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and  
8 contributions to California, and recognizes May 2018 as Asian  
9 and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 231 (Chiu) – As Introduced May 2, 2018

**SUBJECT:** May 2018: Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to over 6.3 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and the nation.
- 2) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment.
- 3) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment.
- 4) The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on issues relating to the social and economic development, rights, and interests of California's Asian and Pacific Islander American communities.
- 5) The California Joint Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, a caucus of State Assembly Members and Senators, is composed of 16 Members during this session and represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander American communities.

**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 MAY 8, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 232**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Baker**

May 2, 2018

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 232—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 232, as amended, Baker. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 13 to May 19, 2018, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week, and encourage Californians to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, As many as 15 million people in the United States  
2 have a food allergy; and  
3 WHEREAS, Research indicates the prevalence of food allergies  
4 is increasing among children. Nearly six million children under  
5 18 years of age have a food allergy; and  
6 WHEREAS, The eight foods that cause the majority of all food  
7 allergy reactions in the United States are *fish*, shellfish, milk, eggs,  
8 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; and  
9 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction include hives,  
10 vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat;  
11 and  
12 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is  
13 rapid in onset and may cause death; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease  
2 Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than 200,000  
3 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18 years of  
4 age. The number of food-allergic reactions requiring emergency  
5 treatment has sharply increased over the last decade with a 377  
6 percent rise in individuals receiving medical treatment for  
7 anaphylaxis. Reactions typically occur when an individual  
8 unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which he or  
9 she is allergic; and

10 WHEREAS, There is no cure for food allergies and scientists  
11 do not understand why this is so. Strict avoidance of the offending  
12 food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

13 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research and Education is a national  
14 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life  
15 and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing  
16 them with hope through the promise of new treatments; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
19 *thereof concurring*, That May 13 to May 19, 2018, inclusive, is  
20 hereby proclaimed Food Allergy Awareness Week in California;  
21 and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
23 encourages the residents of this state to increase their understanding  
24 and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis by visiting  
25 [foodallergyweek.org](http://foodallergyweek.org); and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 232 (Baker) – As Amended May 8, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Food Allergy Awareness Week.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the week of May 13 to May 19, 2018, as Food Allergy Awareness Week and encourages Californians to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) As many as 15 million people in the United States have a food allergy. Research indicates the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children. Nearly six million children under 18 years of age have a food allergy.
- 2) There is no cure for food allergies and scientists do not understand why; and, strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.
- 3) Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death.
- 4) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than 200,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18 years of age. The number of food-allergic reactions requiring emergency treatment has sharply increased over the last decade with a 377 percent rise in individuals receiving medical treatment for anaphylaxis. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which he or she is allergic.
- 5) Food Allergy Research and Education is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and to providing them with hope through the promise of new treatments.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** No

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 107**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Friedman**

May 7, 2018

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House Resolution No. 107—Relative to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

1 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding  
2 of the modern State of Israel, which was officially declared an  
3 independent nation on May 14, 1948; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Israel proclaimed the establishment  
5 of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the United  
6 States government established full diplomatic relations after Israel's  
7 first election in 1949; and

8 WHEREAS, The establishment of the modern State of Israel as  
9 a homeland for the Jewish people followed the destruction of much  
10 of the European Jewry during the Holocaust; and

11 WHEREAS, Israel has much to commemorate and celebrate,  
12 most notably that it has established, in its 70 years of existence,  
13 the most successful and politically stable democracy in a Middle  
14 East that continues to experience great turmoil; and

15 WHEREAS, The people of Israel enjoy a dynamic society with  
16 a unique and vital economic, political, cultural, and intellectual  
17 life and strive for peace with security and dignity for themselves  
18 and their neighbors; and

19 WHEREAS, Israel has developed some of the world's leading  
20 universities; and

21 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial  
22 economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech industry,

1 and is at the forefront of research and development in the fields  
2 of renewable energy sources and medicine; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search and  
4 rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies to  
5 help victims of disasters around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2015, California and Israel have had a  
7 memorandum of understanding that established a formal  
8 relationship between the two parties to foster economic cooperation  
9 and economic development, facilitate joint industrial research and  
10 development, and enhance business relationships and educational  
11 opportunities between all Israeli and California universities to  
12 foster job creation and incubate global solutions from joint  
13 California-Israeli innovation initiatives; and

14 WHEREAS, California is home to a vibrant Israeli American  
15 immigrant community; and

16 WHEREAS, For over 2,000 years, Jews living in other parts of  
17 the world have maintained a profound spiritual and emotional  
18 connection to the Land of Israel, and there has been continuous  
19 Jewish presence in the land comprising the modern State of Israel;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, With the culmination of its 70th anniversary  
22 observance in May 2018, Israel will celebrate with events marking  
23 the birth and development of the state, the struggle to find peace  
24 and security, and its hopes for the future; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
26 California State Assembly hereby commends and congratulates  
27 the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements on the  
28 occasion of Israel's 70th anniversary; and be it further; and be it  
29 further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk provide copies of this resolution  
31 to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 107 (Friedman) – As Introduced May 7, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel

**SUMMARY:** Observes May 2018 as the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, which was officially declared an independent nation on May 14, 1948.
- 2) The people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the United States government established full diplomatic relations after Israel's first election in 1949.
- 3) Since 2015, California and Israel have had a memorandum of understanding that established a formal relationship between the two parties to foster economic cooperation and economic development, facilitate joint industrial research and development, and enhance business relationships and educational opportunities between all Israeli and California universities to foster job creation and incubate global solutions from joint California-Israeli innovation initiatives.
- 4) California is home to a vibrant Israeli American immigrant community; and for over 2,000 years, Jews living in other parts of the world have maintained a profound spiritual and emotional connection to the Land of Israel.
- 5) The people of Israel enjoy a dynamic society with a unique and vital economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life and strive for peace with security and dignity for themselves and their neighbors.
- 6) Israel has developed some of the world's leading universities, has developed an advanced entrepreneurial economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech industry, and is at the forefront of research and development in the fields of renewable energy sources and medicine.
- 7) Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help victims of disasters around the world.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Newman**  
**(Principal coauthor: Senator Hueso)**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Carrillo)  
**(Coauthors: Senators Dodd, Hertzberg, and Nguyen)**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chiu)

March 15, 2018

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to Mendez v. Westminster School District Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 117, as introduced, Newman. Mendez v. Westminster School District Day.

This measure would designate April 14, 2018, as Mendez v. Westminster School District Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, While Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka  
2 (1954) 347 U.S. 483 is a widely known landmark decision of the  
3 United States Supreme Court, few can trace its origins to the case  
4 of nine-year-old Sylvia Mendez in Mendez v. Westminster School  
5 District of Orange County (S.D. Cal. 1946) 64 F.Supp 544,  
6 affirmed (9th Cir. 1947) 161 F.2d 774; and  
7 WHEREAS, Sylvia’s case, which was decided in the federal  
8 courts located in California, preceded Brown v. Board of Education  
9 by about eight years. Thurgood Marshall, who later represented  
10 Linda Brown, wrote an amicus brief in favor of Sylvia’s case.  
11 Marshall used some of the same arguments in Mendez v.  
12 Westminster School District to win Brown v. Board of Education;  
13 and

1 WHEREAS, Sylvia Mendez, who received the Presidential  
2 Medal of Freedom at a 2011 White House ceremony, was a child  
3 when she was turned away from a California public school for  
4 white students only. That rejection fueled her father's determined  
5 journey through school, civic, and legal channels. Gonzalo Mendez,  
6 represented by a civil rights attorney, took four Los Angeles-area  
7 school districts to court and won a class action lawsuit at the trial  
8 and appellate levels of the federal court system; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Mendez carries on the legacy of Mendez v.  
10 Westminster School District when she explains that her parents  
11 taught her "that we are all individuals; that we are all human  
12 beings; that we are all connected together; and that we all have the  
13 same rights, the same freedom"; and

14 WHEREAS, During a two-week trial, the Mendez family's  
15 attorney, David Marcus, took the then-unusual approach of  
16 presenting social science evidence to support his argument that  
17 segregation resulted in feelings of inferiority among  
18 Mexican-American children that could undermine their ability to  
19 be productive Americans. United States District Court Judge Paul  
20 J. McCormick agreed with the plaintiffs and ordered that the school  
21 districts cease their "discriminatory practices against the pupils of  
22 Mexican descent in the public schools" within those districts; and

23 WHEREAS, In his decision, Judge McCormick wrote that  
24 "[t]he equal protection of the laws' pertaining to the public school  
25 system in California is not provided by furnishing in separate  
26 schools the same technical facilities, textbooks and courses of  
27 instruction to children of Mexican ancestry that are available to  
28 the other public school children regardless of their ancestry. A  
29 paramount requisite in the American system of public education  
30 is social equality. It must be open to all children by unified school  
31 association regardless of lineage"; and

32 WHEREAS, The school districts appealed the case to the United  
33 States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Court of Appeals  
34 affirmed Judge McCormick's ruling. Two months later, California  
35 Governor Earl Warren signed a bill ending school segregation in  
36 California, making it the first state to officially desegregate its  
37 public schools; and

38 WHEREAS, While the case was pending before the United  
39 States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, several organizations,  
40 including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

1 People (NAACP) filed amicus curiae briefs. Thurgood Marshall  
2 wrote for the NAACP and, five years later, used similar reasoning  
3 before the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of*  
4 *Education*. The United States Supreme Court adopted many of  
5 Marshall’s arguments and, in 1954, issued an opinion ending school  
6 segregation throughout the United States. Chief Justice Earl Warren  
7 wrote the opinion; and

8 WHEREAS, Sylvia Mendez went on to earn degrees in nursing  
9 and became the Assistant Nursing Director of the Pediatric Pavilion  
10 at the Los Angeles county and University of Southern California  
11 Medical Center. Since her retirement, she has dedicated her time  
12 to educating students about *Mendez v. Westminster School District*  
13 and encouraging young people to stay in school. In 2007, the  
14 United States Post Office issued a stamp commemorating Mendez  
15 v. Westminster School District. In 2009, the Los Angeles Unified  
16 School District dedicated a new high school in the eastern area of  
17 Los Angeles, the Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez High School; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates April  
21 14, 2018, as Mendez v. Westminster School District Day in  
22 California; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 117 (Newman) – As Introduced March 15, 2018

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Mendez v. Westminster School District Day

**SUMMARY:** Designates April 14, 2018, as Mendez v. Westminster School District Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) While *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* is a widely known landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, few can trace its origins to the case of nine-year-old Sylvia Mendez in *Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County*. Sylvia's case, which was decided in the federal courts located in California, preceded *Brown v. Board of Education* by about eight years.
- 2) Sylvia Mendez was a child when she was turned away from a California public school for white students only. That rejection fueled her father's determined journey through school, civic, and legal channels. Gonzalo Mendez, represented by a civil rights attorney, took four Los Angeles-area school districts to court and won a class action lawsuit at the trial and appellate levels of the federal court system.
- 3) During a two-week trial, the Mendez family's attorney presented social science evidence to support his argument that segregation resulted in feelings of inferiority among Mexican-American children that could undermine their ability to be productive Americans. U.S. District Court Judge Paul J. McCormick agreed with the plaintiffs and ordered that the school districts cease their "discriminatory practices against the pupils of Mexican descent in the public schools" within those districts.
- 4) In his decision, Judge McCormick wrote that "[t]he equal protection of the laws' pertaining to the public school system in California is not provided by furnishing in separate schools the same technical facilities, textbooks and courses of instruction to children of Mexican ancestry that are available to the other public school children regardless of their ancestry. A paramount requisite in the American system of public education is social equality. It must be open to all children by unified school association regardless of lineage."
- 5) The school districts appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Court of Appeals affirmed Judge McCormick's ruling. Two months later, California Governor Earl Warren signed a bill ending school segregation in California, making it the first state to officially desegregate its public schools.
- 6) Sylvia Mendez went on to earn degrees in nursing and became the Assistant Nursing Director of the Pediatric Pavilion at the Los Angeles County and University of Southern California Medical Center. Since her retirement, she has dedicated her time to educating students about *Mendez v. Westminster School District* and encouraging young people to stay in school. In 2007, the U.S. Post Office issued a stamp commemorating *Mendez v. Westminster School District*. In 2009, the Los Angeles Unified School District dedicated a new high school in the

eastern area of Los Angeles, the Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez High School. Sylvia Mendez received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a 2011 White House ceremony.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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Introduced by Senator Nguyen

March 22, 2018

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 122—Relative to California Surfing Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 122, as introduced, Nguyen. California Surfing Day.

This measure would recognize September 20, 2018, and every year on that date thereafter, as California Surfing Day to celebrate the California surfing lifestyle, would commend all those who honor the history, culture, and future of surfing, as well as the sport of surfing and the protection of our beach and ocean environments, would express support for future surfers and encourage potential surfing Olympians to work diligently, and would encourage all Californians to enjoy California Surfing Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Surfing Day, which will be observed  
2 first on September 20, 2018, and annually on that day thereafter,  
3 was adopted by surfers of all ages in the City of Huntington Beach  
4 to unify surfers throughout the State of California and from around  
5 the world to celebrate one very special day where we collectively  
6 honor the California surfing lifestyle; and  
7 WHEREAS, For the first time in history, surfing will mark its  
8 Olympic sport debut at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in  
9 Tokyo, representing a chance to encourage ocean awareness in  
10 support of our future young surfers; and  
11 WHEREAS, This special day will bring together thousands of  
12 ocean and beach lovers, surfers, and millions of visitors who travel

1 to California to experience the positive vibes of surfing, the  
2 innovation, the culture, and all the fun that comes along with the  
3 sport; and

4 WHEREAS, California's coastline spans 1,100 miles and its  
5 beaches and coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic  
6 activity annually; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States boasts approximately 3.3 million  
8 surfers who spend between \$1.9 and \$3.3 billion each year on local  
9 surf trips. The surfing industry, almost exclusively based in  
10 California, generates over \$6 billion in United States annual retail  
11 sales; and

12 WHEREAS, California has the largest ocean economy in the  
13 United States, ranking number one for both employment and jobs  
14 and gross state product at approximately \$41.9 billion; and

15 WHEREAS, California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as  
16 Huntington Beach, Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which  
17 are destinations for both domestic and international surfers; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach, also known as Surf  
19 City USA, is the holder of three surfing Guinness World Records:  
20 for the largest surfing paddle out in "The Surfing Circle of Honor,  
21 Celebrating Surfing in the Summer Games" on International  
22 Surfing Day 2017, for the largest surfboard and for the most people  
23 riding a surfboard at the same time on International Surfing Day  
24 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, The cultural significance of surfing to California's  
26 identity is embodied in the multiple nonprofits and educational  
27 centers devoted to the sport, including the International Surfing  
28 Museum nestled in Huntington Beach, the Surfing Heritage and  
29 Culture Center in San Clemente, the California Surf Museum in  
30 Oceanside, and the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum; and

31 WHEREAS, Every year, California beaches host numerous  
32 domestic and internationally recognized surfing events and  
33 tournaments, including the National Scholastic Surfing Association  
34 (NSSA) Championships, the Vans US Open of Surfing, The  
35 Surfers' Hall of Fame, Surfing Walk of Fame, and International  
36 Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame in Huntington Beach, and the  
37 International Surf Festival in the Cities of Hermosa Beach,  
38 Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance; and

39 WHEREAS, International Surfing Day was established in 2004  
40 and has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 different

1 countries and continues to unite surfers around the world to  
2 celebrate the sport of surfing while raising awareness and showing  
3 appreciation for our coastal environment; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
5 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes  
6 September 20, 2018, and that date annually thereafter, as California  
7 Surfing Day, celebrating the California surfing lifestyle, and  
8 commends all those who honor the history, culture, and future of  
9 surfing, the great sport of surfing, and the protection of our beach  
10 and ocean environments, while supporting and educating our future  
11 surfers, encourages our potential surfing Olympians to work  
12 diligently, and encourages all Californians to enjoy California  
13 Surfing Day; and be it further

14 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 122 (Nguyen) – As Introduced March 22, 2018

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** California Surfing Day

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes September 20, 2018, and every year on that date thereafter, as California Surfing Day to celebrate the California surfing lifestyle. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California Surfing Day, which will be observed first on September 20, 2018, and annually on that day thereafter, was adopted by surfers of all ages in the City of Huntington Beach to unify surfers throughout the State of California and from around the world to celebrate one very special day where we collectively honor the California surfing lifestyle.
- 2) For the first time in history, surfing will mark its Olympic sport debut at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, representing a chance to encourage ocean awareness in support of our future young surfers.
- 3) California's coastline spans 1,100 miles and its beaches and coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic activity annually; and, California has the largest ocean economy in the United States, ranking number one for both employment and jobs and gross state product at approximately \$41.9 billion.
- 4) California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as Huntington Beach, Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which are destinations for both domestic and international surfers.
- 5) The cultural significance of surfing to California's identity is embodied in the multiple nonprofits and educational centers devoted to the sport, including International Surfing Museum nestled in Huntington Beach, the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center in San Clemente, the California Surf Museum in Oceanside, and the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum.
- 6) International Surfing Day was established in 2004 and has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 different countries and continues to unite surfers around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing while raising awareness and showing appreciation for our coastal environment.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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**Introduced by Senator Newman**

**(Coauthor: Senator Dodd)**

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March 22, 2018

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to Arab American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 123, as introduced, Newman. Arab American Heritage Month. This measure would proclaim the month of April 2018 as Arab American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For over a century, Arab Americans have been  
2 making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of  
3 American society, including medicine, law, business, technology,  
4 government, and culture; and

5 WHEREAS, Since migrating to the United States, men and  
6 women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions  
7 with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of  
8 model citizens and public servants; and

9 WHEREAS, Arab migrants to the United States brought with  
10 them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication  
11 to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added  
12 strength to our great democracy; and

13 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society  
14 by embracing the American spirit of opportunity that makes our  
15 nation free and prosperous; and



1 WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in American life  
2 often remains neglected or defaced by misunderstanding, bigotry,  
3 and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

4 WHEREAS, Issues currently affecting Arab Americans, such  
5 as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and  
6 bullying, combatted by education and awareness; and

7 WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire  
8 to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is  
9 treated equally and feels safe; and

10 WHEREAS, The immense contributions and heritage of Arab  
11 Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore,  
12 be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
14 *thereof concurring,* That California celebrates the countless  
15 contributions that Arab Americans have made to American society  
16 and the State of California, and that the Legislature therefore hereby  
17 proclaims the month of April 2018 to be Arab American Heritage  
18 Month in California and encourages all residents of this state to  
19 join in this special observance; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 10, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 123 (Newman) – As Introduced March 22, 2018

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Arab American Heritage Month

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of April 2018 as Arab American Heritage Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Since migrating to the United States, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants.
- 2) Arab migrants to the United States brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy.
- 3) Arab Americans have also enriched our society by embracing the American spirit of opportunity that makes our nation free and prosperous.
- 4) The immense contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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