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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/5/2015
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary ACR 42 has been added and the referral recommendation for AB 657 has changed.


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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 25

Introduced by Assembly Member Obernolte

February 17, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to Pi Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 25, as amended, Obernolte. Pi Day.

This measure would proclaim March 14, 2015, as Pi Day. The measure would also encourage the organization of appropriate activities that celebrate the significance of Pi, urge the formation of partnerships that provide extended exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities, and support the creation of cross-sector STEM networks linking partners from various specified entities to address regional needs in STEM education through information and resource sharing.

Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Greek letter Pi is the symbol for the ratio of
2 a circle's circumference to its diameter, which is a universal
3 constant with applications throughout all science, technology,
4 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and
5 WHEREAS, The value of Pi was approximated by the Greek
6 mathematician Archimedes around 250 BC as 22/7, but the actual
7 number is "irrational," and continues infinitely without pattern or
8 repetition; and

1 WHEREAS, The value of Pi has been calculated to over one
2 trillion digits, but only 39 digits are sufficient to calculate the
3 circumference of the known universe; and

4 WHEREAS, Pi Day was founded at the Exploratorium in San
5 Francisco 27 years ago, and is celebrated annually on March 14th
6 to correspond with the first three digits of Pi (i.e. 3.14); and

7 WHEREAS, Pi Day will hold special significance in 2015 when,
8 at 9:26:53 a.m. and p.m., the date and time align with the first 10
9 digits of Pi (i.e. 3.141592653) for the only time this century; and

10 WHEREAS, According to a 2013 Brookings Institution study,
11 20 percent of all jobs in the United States require specialized
12 knowledge in a STEM field; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce reports
14 that growth in STEM jobs over the past 10 years was three times
15 greater than that of non-STEM jobs; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Organization for Economic
17 Cooperation and Development (OECD), American ~~students~~ *pupils*
18 at age 15 are ranked 26th out of the 34 OECD countries in math,
19 and 21st in science; and

20 WHEREAS, Women, African Americans, and Latinos are
21 underrepresented in STEM occupations relative to their share of
22 the workforce; and

23 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that participation in STEM
24 fields increases when ~~students~~ *pupils* are engaged through the
25 hands-on application of science and mathematics to solve
26 real-world problems; and

27 WHEREAS, A May 2014 report issued by the Superintendent
28 of Public Instruction's STEM task force concluded that informal
29 learning opportunities coupled with a broad array of business,
30 philanthropic, and community STEM partnerships can play a
31 critical role in expanding interest, opportunities, and participation
32 in STEM fields; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 14,
35 2015, as Pi Day; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature does all of the following:

37 (a) Encourages ~~educational institutions~~, *educators*, museums,
38 libraries, parks, businesses, and community-based groups to
39 organize appropriate activities that celebrate the significance of

1 Pi, and engage students of all ages in the study of science and
2 mathematics.

3 (b) Urges the formation of business, philanthropic, and
4 community partnerships that provide extended exposure to STEM
5 learning opportunities.

6 (c) Supports the creation of cross-sector STEM networks linking
7 partners from government, business, community organizations,
8 and nonprofits to address regional needs in STEM education
9 through information and resource sharing; 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: March 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
ACR 25 (Oberholte) – As Amended March 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Pi Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 14, 2015, as Pi Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Greek letter Pi is the symbol for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, which is a universal constant with applications throughout all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.
- 2) Pi Day was founded at the Exploratorium in San Francisco 27 years ago and is celebrated annually on March 14th to correspond with the first three digits of Pi (i.e. 3.14) and will hold special significance in 2015 when, at 9:26:53 a.m. and p.m., the date and time align with the first 10 digits of Pi (i.e. 3.141592653) for only one time this century.
- 3) According to 2013 Brookings Institution study, 20 percent of all jobs in the United States require specialized knowledge in a STEM field and recent United States Department of Commerce reports state that growth in STEM jobs over the past 10 years was three times greater than that of non-STEM jobs.
- 4) A May 2014 report issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction's STEM task force concluded that informal learning opportunities coupled with a broad array of business, philanthropic, and community STEM partnerships can play a critical role in expanding interest, opportunities, and participation in STEM fields.

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. 26

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine
(Coauthor: Senator McGuire)

February 19, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 26, as introduced, Levine. Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2015 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and activities, and to safely store and dispose of their medications on a continual basis.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Drug overdose was the leading cause of injury and
2 death in 2012, and among people 25 to 64 years of age, drug
3 overdose caused more deaths than motor vehicle traffic crashes;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Every day in the United States, 120 people die as
6 a result of drug overdose, and another 6,748 are treated in
7 emergency departments for the misuse or abuse of drugs; and
8 WHEREAS, In 2013, drug overdoses in the United States caused
9 43,982 deaths and 22,767, or 52 percent, of those deaths were from
10 prescription drugs; and
11 WHEREAS, In 2011, 2.5 million emergency department visits
12 were related to the misuse or abuse of pharmaceuticals; and

1 WHEREAS, Nonmedical use of prescription painkillers costs
2 health insurers up to \$72.5 billion annually in direct health care
3 costs; and

4 WHEREAS, Overdose deaths involving opioid pain relievers
5 now exceed the number of deaths from heroin and cocaine
6 combined; and

7 WHEREAS, As many as 70 percent of people who abuse
8 prescription drugs get them from a relative or friend instead of a
9 doctor; and

10 WHEREAS, During the last National Prescription Drug
11 Take-Back Day, the United States Drug Enforcement
12 Administration (DEA) collected 617,150 pounds (309 tons) of
13 unwanted medication on Saturday, September 27, 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, The 2014 National Drug Control Strategy listed
15 four interventions to reduce prescription drug abuse, one of which
16 was to provide safe drug disposal by increasing return and
17 take-back programs. We support California acquiring a sustainably
18 funded and well publicized statewide medication take-back system
19 that is much more convenient to consumers than the current
20 one-day events or disposal at hazardous waste facilities; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Coalition Against Prescription Drug
22 Abuse, law enforcement, community-based organizations, alcohol
23 and other drug service providers, and civic and business leaders
24 coordinate Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month activities
25 in California to engage our citizens in demonstrating their
26 commitment to prevention campaigns and education aimed at
27 raising awareness about the abuse and misuse of prescription drugs,
28 promoting prescription drug safe storage and disposal, and using
29 medications only as prescribed; and

30 WHEREAS, Families, schools, businesses, faith-based
31 communities, law enforcement, medical professionals, county and
32 local governments, health care practitioners, and pharmacists in
33 the state, and the general public will demonstrate their commitment
34 to the prevention of prescription medication abuse by participating
35 in activities intended to highlight local efforts during the month
36 of March; and

37 WHEREAS, The Legislature supports National Prescription
38 Drug Take-Back Day as declared by the DEA, and encourages
39 residents to locate their local collection site and safely dispose of

1 their accumulated unwanted and unused prescription drugs; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares March
5 2015 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourages
6 all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and
7 activities, and to safely store and dispose of their medications on
8 a continual basis; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
ACR 26 (Levine) – As Introduced February 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2015 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and activities, and to safely store and dispose of their medications on a continual basis. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Drug overdose was the leading cause of injury and death in 2012, and among people 25 to 64 years of age, drug overdose caused more deaths than motor vehicle traffic crashes. Every day in the United States 120 people die as a result of drug overdose, and another 6,748 are treated in emergency departments for the misuse or abuse of drugs.
- 2) Nonmedical use of prescription painkillers costs health insurers up to \$72.5 billion annually in direct health care costs; and overdose deaths involving opioid pain relievers now exceed the number of deaths from heroin and cocaine combined.
- 3) During the last National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) collected 617,150 pounds (309 tons) of unwanted medication.
- 4) The 2014 National Drug Control Strategy supports California acquiring a sustainably funded and well publicized statewide medication take-back system that is much more convenient to consumers than the current one-day events or disposal at hazardous waste facilities.
- 5) Families, schools, businesses, faith-based communities, law enforcement, medical professionals, county and local governments, health care practitioners, and pharmacists in the state, and the general public will demonstrate their commitment to the prevention of prescription medication abuse by participating in activities intended to highlight local efforts during the month of March.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

RxSafe Marin

Opposition

None on file

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March 3, 2015

Assemblymember Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
California State Capitol Room 3016
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month Resolution ACR 26—SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

RxSafe Marin would like to extend our support for your resolution to proclaim March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month. This resolution will call vital statewide attention to an epidemic that is spreading through our communities.

Launched in 2013, RxSafe Marin is a coalition with a wide range of experts, community advocates, agencies, parents, pharmacists and health care partners collaborating to tackle the local prescription drug misuse epidemic. Since its inception, RxSafe Marin has developed new community-wide standards for prescribing opioid pain medications, sponsored drug take-back days and strengthened community awareness and ongoing prevention efforts.

Sadly in Marin County, drug poisoning deaths and narcotic related Emergency Department visits continue to rise. The epidemic has even spread to our children. Seventeen percent of eleventh graders in Marin report having used prescription painkillers recreationally.

One issue contributing to the problem is when residents visit several prescribers for medications, also known as “doctor shopping.” In 2013, 1,797 patients in Marin received opioid prescriptions from four or more prescribers.

Nationwide, drug overdoses caused 43,982 deaths in 2013. The majority were caused by prescription drugs. This resolution will serve the people of California by calling attention to this growing epidemic that is taking too many lives every year.

Sincerely,
RxSafe Marin

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 27

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

February 23, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to the Month of the Young Professional.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 27, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Month of the Young Professional.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2015 as the Month of the Young Professional.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has the responsibility to recognize
2 occasions of outstanding significance; and

3 WHEREAS, The country’s most robust economies are driven
4 by metropolitan areas infused with flourishing young professionals;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The attraction and retention of young professionals
7 is essential to the future competitiveness of the State of California,
8 its businesses, and its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Young professionals play a significant role in the
10 economic viability of the State of California; and

11 WHEREAS, Young professionals have partnered with business
12 and community leasers to promote and create a viable and liable
13 place for young professionals; and

14 WHEREAS, Young professionals will convene the second
15 annual Young Professionals Summit on March 27, 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, This summit will provide social, philanthropic,
2 professional, and civic development opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of young professionals
4 deserve acknowledgment, affirmation, and celebration by the State
5 of California; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
8 month of March 2015 as the Month of the Young Professional;
9 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: March 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
ACR 27 (Beth Gaines) – As Introduced February 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Month of the Young Professional.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2015 as the Month of the Young Professional. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Young professionals play a significant role in the economic viability of the State of California and the attraction and retention of young professionals is essential to the future competitiveness of California, its businesses, and its citizens.
- 2) Young professionals will convene the second annual Young Professionals Summit on March 27, 2015 to provide social, philanthropic, professional, and civic development opportunities.
- 3) The country's most robust economies are driven by metropolitan areas infused with flourishing young professionals and California has the responsibility to recognize occasions of outstanding significance.

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. 28

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Daly, Gallagher, and O'Donnell)
(Coauthor: Senator McGuire)

February 23, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to Irish American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 28, as introduced, Mullin. Irish American Heritage Month.

This measure would designate March 2015 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to the country and state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship
2 due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United
3 States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising
4 future for themselves and their families; and
5 WHEREAS, The journey to America from the Emerald Isle was
6 not paved with gold. The Irish spirit of determination, perseverance,
7 and grit prevailed against dangerous seas and deadly conditions
8 with their hearts set on the horizon; and
9 WHEREAS, Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and
10 discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years
11 went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their
12 communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of
13 American society and culture; and

1 WHEREAS, Irish Americans played vital roles in the
2 development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were
3 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 22 Presidents of
4 the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F.
5 Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama; and

6 WHEREAS, Many people of Irish descent have contributed to
7 great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
8 role in the world, including Mother Jones, labor activist; Lucy
9 Burns, activist in the Women’s Movement; and Senator George
10 Mitchell, negotiator of the Irish Peace Accord; and

11 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have also played a major role in
12 California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors,
13 and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build
14 California to the state that it is today; and

15 WHEREAS, Irish Americans were significantly involved in the
16 development of infrastructure throughout the United States,
17 especially in California. This included work on railroads and
18 bridges that connected the West to the East. The Irish were also
19 instrumental in the building of dams, roads, canals, and buildings
20 that expanded greatly in the late 1800s; and

21 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have made their mark as
22 peace officers and firefighters, and have risked or lost their lives
23 on countless occasions in carrying out their duties; and

24 WHEREAS, Many outstanding soldiers, never to be forgotten,
25 who fought for American freedom in the Revolutionary War were
26 of Irish descent. Irish Americans have proudly served with
27 distinction in every war that this nation has fought and continue
28 to do so today; and

29 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have contributed greatly to
30 the United States economy in business, including: Alexander
31 Stewart, the inventor of the American department store; Cathleen
32 Black, president of Hearst Publishing; Jack Welch, former president
33 and chief executive officer of General Electric; Herb Kelleher,
34 cofounder of Southwest Airlines; Paul Adams of Facebook; John
35 Donahoe, chief executive officer of eBay, Inc.; Conrad Burke,
36 founder of Innovalight; and Maggie Sullivan Wilderotter, chief
37 executive officer of Frontier Communications; and

38 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the field of
39 science, including: astronaut, Michael Collins; first female
40 commander of a space shuttle, Eileen Collins; physicist and Nobel

1 Laureate, Charles Townes; and bioengineer and MacArthur
2 “Genius grant” recipient, James Collins; and

3 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the American
4 literary tradition through great authors, including Flannery
5 O’Connor, Eugene O’Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Mary McCarthy,
6 Tom Clancy, and Frank McCourt; and

7 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to American
8 entertainment with such stars as actors Jack Nicholson, John
9 Wayne, and George Clooney; actor and comedian Bill Murray;
10 actress Grace Kelly; actress and comedian Rosie O’Donnell; actor
11 and singer Bing Crosby; actress and singer Rosemary Clooney;
12 actress and singer Judy Garland; comedian Conan O’Brien; and
13 actor and director Edward Burns, all being of Irish heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, over 34 million Americans claim Irish
15 heritage, and they continue to contribute to the American and
16 California politics, economy, and culture; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of the multitude
19 of contributions that Irish Americans have made to make this a
20 better country and state for all people, designates March 2015 to
21 be Irish American Heritage Month in California, and calls upon
22 the people of the state to observe the month of March with
23 appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities, especially on
24 March 17, since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day; and be it
25 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: March 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
ACR 28 (Mullin) – As Introduced February 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Irish American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Designates March 2015 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of all the contributions that Irish Americans have made to better the country and state for all people. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Over the last several centuries, millions of Irish people faced severe hardship in their nation and immigrated to the United States in search of a more promising future for themselves and their families.
- 2) Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and discrimination upon arriving in the United States; and, as the years went on, Irish Americans became very involved in the community and made important contributions in all aspects of American society and culture, especially in California.
- 3) Today, over 34 million Americans claim Irish heritage, and they continue to contribute to American and California politics, economy, and culture.

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 MARCH 3, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 31

Introduced by Assembly Members Perea and Gallagher

(Principal coauthors: Senators Cannella and Galgiani)

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Quirk, and Salas)**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 31, as amended, Perea. California Agriculture Day.

This measure would recognize and honor the men and women of California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 18, 2015, as National Agriculture Day, and designating March 18, 2015, as California Agriculture Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, March 18, 2015, is designated as California
- 2 Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's
- 3 importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians
- 4 nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as
- 5 the eighth largest in the world; and

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1 WHEREAS, The 2015 theme of California Agriculture Day is
2 “California Breaking New Ground” in recognition of the diversity
3 and significance of California agriculture, which is constantly
4 developing new and innovative technologies; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California
6 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing
7 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for
8 approximately 50 percent of the nation’s supply of fruits,
9 vegetables, and nuts; and

10 WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of ~~millions of~~ *California’s*
11 farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the
12 agricultural industry; and

13 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural community relies on a
14 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection
15 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,
16 the environment, and commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, With less than 1 percent of California’s population
18 engaged in farming and agriculture, each agricultural worker today
19 provides for more than 100 other people, compared to just 13 in
20 1947; and

21 WHEREAS, Today’s agricultural industry offers ~~over 300 a~~
22 *diverse range of* challenging and rewarding career opportunities,
23 from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in
25 agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer
26 spending on food products from 23 percent of disposable income
27 in 1947 to approximately 10 percent today; and

28 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s leader in agricultural
29 exports, shipping more than ~~16~~ *18.8* billion dollars worth of food
30 and agricultural commodities around the world in ~~2011~~; *2012*; and

31 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks
32 to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production
33 and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing
34 consumer needs and complex world markets; and

35 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being
36 developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices
37 on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and

38 WHEREAS, California consumers ~~say that it is important to~~
39 ~~them to purchase foods grown in California~~, *California consumers*
40 ~~say that “California grown” is more important to them today than~~

1 ~~it was in years past, and, in the last decade, California consumers~~
2 ~~have increased~~ *are increasingly demonstrating their preference*
3 *for “California grown” products, and over the last decade,*
4 *Californians have greatly increased their support of farmers’*
5 *markets, community-supported agricultural programs, and*
6 *farm-to-school programs; and*

7 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital
8 to ensure that ~~California~~ *agriculture in California* continues to
9 flourish; and

10 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of
11 agricultural land by 2050 and more than 300,000 acres of it will
12 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California
13 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California’s
14 agricultural heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize
16 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in
17 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes and honors*
21 *the men and women of California agriculture for their dedication*
22 *and productivity by observing March 18, 2015, as National*
23 *Agriculture Day, and designating Wednesday, March 18, 2015,*
24 *as California Agriculture Day; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
ACR 31 (Perea) – As Amended March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 18, 2015, as California Agriculture Day and recognizes and honors the men and women of California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing this day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 18, 2015, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as the eighth largest in the world.
- 2) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetables, and nuts.
- 3) California is the nation's leader in agricultural exports, shipping more than 18.8 billion dollars' worth of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2012; and the industry seeks to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets.
- 4) The 2015 theme of California Agriculture Day is "California Breaking New Ground" in recognition of the diversity and significance of California agriculture, which is constantly developing new and innovative technologies.
- 5) Today's agricultural industry offers a diverse range of challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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