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Monday, July 7, 2025
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 126

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 7/3/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Attached is a list of referral recommendations.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

07/07/2025

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 103

Introduced by Assembly Member Addis
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bennett, Hart, Irwin, and Pellerin)
(Coauthors: Senators Caballero, Laird, Limón, and Stern)

June 25, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to California Western Monarch Protection Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 103, as introduced, Addis. California Western Monarch Protection Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of July 14, 2025, to July 18, 2025, inclusive, to be California Western Monarch Protection Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The western monarch butterfly is known for its
2 astonishing long-distance annual migration to overwintering
3 habitats along the central coast of California; and
4 WHEREAS, In late November, western monarchs migrate to
5 the California coast and spend the winter clustering in groves of
6 pine, cypress, and eucalyptus trees; and
7 WHEREAS, As temperatures warm and daylight hours increase
8 in February, western monarchs mate and migrate inland to lay eggs
9 on emerging milkweeds; and
10 WHEREAS, Over the past quarter century, the number of
11 monarchs recorded during the peak of the migration season has
12 fallen a staggering 81 percent, from 1,235,490 monarchs to just
13 233,394 monarchs last year; and

1 WHEREAS, Monarch populations are declining due to the loss
2 and degradation of breeding, migratory, and overwintering habitat,
3 climate change, and the use of certain herbicides and insecticides
4 that harm milkweed; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as of
6 2024, is proposing protections for the monarch butterfly and
7 encouraging public involvement in its recovery, including the
8 designation of over 4,300 acres in California as critical habitat;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, California has sought to protect and preserve over
11 400 western monarch butterfly overwintering sites across the state,
12 including Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary, Natural Bridges State
13 Beach, Goleta Monarch Butterfly Grove, and Point Mugu State
14 Park; and

15 WHEREAS, The western monarch butterfly migration is vital
16 to central coast tourism, generating significant revenue for the
17 state during an otherwise slow season for the tourism industry;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Monarch butterflies have emerged as powerful
20 symbols of both biological diversity and the fight for human rights
21 at the United States-Mexico border due to the butterflies' migratory
22 nature; and

23 WHEREAS, Recognition of California Western Monarch
24 Protection Week will have a positive impact by raising public
25 awareness, promoting conservation efforts, and inspiring
26 community action to protect monarch butterflies and their habitats;
27 now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
30 week of July 14, 2025, to July 18, 2025, inclusive, to be California
31 Western Monarch Protection Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 103 (Addis) – As Introduced June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: California Western Monarch Protection Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of July 14, 2025, to July 18, 2025, inclusive, to be California Western Monarch Protection Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The western monarch butterfly is known for its astonishing long-distance annual migration to overwintering habitats along the central coast of California.
- 2) In late November, western monarchs migrate to the California coast and spend the winter clustering in groves of pine, cypress, and eucalyptus trees.
- 3) As temperatures warm and daylight hours increase in February, western monarchs mate and migrate inland to lay eggs on emerging milkweeds.
- 4) Over the past quarter century, the number of monarchs recorded during the peak of the migration season has fallen a staggering 81 percent, from 1,235,490 monarchs to just 233,394 monarchs last year.
- 5) Monarch populations are declining due to the loss and degradation of breeding, migratory, and overwintering habitat, climate change, and the use of certain herbicides and insecticides that harm milkweed.
- 6) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as of 2024, is proposing protections for the monarch butterfly and encouraging public involvement in its recovery, including the designation of over 4,300 acres in California as critical habitat.
- 7) Recognition of California Western Monarch Protection Week will have a positive impact by raising public awareness, promoting conservation efforts, and inspiring community action to protect monarch butterflies and their habitats.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 104

Introduced by Assembly Member Wallis

June 25, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 104—Relative to outdoor workers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 104, as introduced, Wallis. Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week
This measure would recognize July 14, 2025, to July 20, 2025, inclusive, as Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week. The measure would encourage local jurisdictions to recognize the week and Californians to improve the conditions of outdoor workers.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Outdoor workers provide essential services across
2 California, including in emergency services, landscaping,
3 renewable energy, public utilities, agriculture, professional sports,
4 tourism, and construction; and
5 WHEREAS, These workers face extreme conditions in
6 California’s deserts, where summer temperatures regularly exceed
7 100 degrees Fahrenheit and can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit,
8 posing significant risks of heat illness and death; and
9 WHEREAS, From 2015 to 2023, the United States Bureau of
10 Labor Statistics reported approximately 390 worker deaths due to
11 environmental heat exposure, with experts noting that heat-related
12 fatalities may be underreported as contributing factors to other
13 causes, such as heart attacks; and

1 WHEREAS, Climate change exacerbates heat risks,
2 disproportionately impacting low-income and minority workers
3 who face occupational hazards in vital industries; and

4 WHEREAS, State regulations require employers to protect
5 outdoor workers by providing adequate water, shade, rest breaks,
6 and heat illness prevention plans to mitigate risks; and

7 WHEREAS, The City of Palm Desert, through local initiatives,
8 hosted a successful event on July 20, 2024, providing food, water,
9 cooling neck gaiters, and public recognition for outdoor workers,
10 raising community awareness; and

11 WHEREAS, Outdoor workers endure physical exertion,
12 occupational hazards, and exposure to extreme weather, including
13 wildfire smoke and heat, yet their indispensable contributions to
14 California's communities often go unrecognized; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognizing and appreciating outdoor workers
16 promotes safer working conditions, improved productivity, and
17 greater public awareness of their challenges; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes July 14, 2025,
20 to July 20, 2025, inclusive, as Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week
21 to honor the unwavering commitment and dedication of outdoor
22 workers to their professions; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That local jurisdictions are encouraged to follow the
24 example of the City of Palm Desert by hosting events to recognize
25 and honor outdoor workers, providing resources such as water,
26 cooling gear, and public appreciation; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That all residents, businesses, and organizations in
28 California are urged to express gratitude for outdoor workers by
29 supporting their well-being through actions like providing cooling
30 resources, advocating for enhanced workplace safety enforcement,
31 and exploring innovative solutions such as wearable heat monitors;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the Governor, the Division of Occupational
35 Safety and Health, and the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 104 (Wallis) – As Introduced June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week

SUMMARY: Recognizes July 14, 2025, to July 20, 2025, inclusive, as Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week to honor the unwavering commitment and dedication of outdoor workers to their professions. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Outdoor workers provide many essential services across California, including emergency services, landscaping, renewable energy, public utilities, agriculture, professional sports, tourism, and construction.
- 2) These workers face extreme conditions in California's deserts, where summer temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit and can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit, posing significant risks of heat illness and death.
- 3) Climate change exacerbates heat risks, disproportionately impacting low-income and minority workers who face occupational hazards in vital industries. State regulations require employers to protect outdoor workers by providing adequate water, shade, rest breaks, and heat illness prevention plans to mitigate risks.
- 4) The City of Palm Desert, through local initiatives, hosted a successful event on July 20, 2024, providing food, water, cooling neck gaiters, and public recognition for outdoor workers, raising community awareness.
- 5) Outdoor workers endure physical exertion, occupational hazards, and exposure to extreme weather, including wildfire smoke and heat, yet their indispensable contributions to California's communities often go unrecognized.
- 6) Recognizing and appreciating outdoor workers promotes safer working conditions, improved productivity, and greater public awareness of their challenges.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Niello

May 1, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 73, as introduced, Niello. Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of June 16, 2025, to June 22, 2025, inclusive, as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Adenomatous polyposis coli (APC)-associated
2 polyposis, which includes familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP),
3 is a hereditary condition that results in high number of polyps
4 developing within the colon and rectum, significantly increasing
5 an individual’s risk of colorectal cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Genetic changes in the APC gene related to FAP
7 leads to the development of hundreds of polyps within the colon,
8 frequently beginning during an individual’s teenage years, that, if
9 left untreated leads to cancer developing, on average, by 39 years
10 of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis (AFAP)
12 is a variant of the condition, that causes fewer polyps to develop
13 at a later age, with an average cancer diagnosis of 55 years of age
14 when left untreated; and

15 WHEREAS, Undiagnosed FAP and AFAP can increase the risk
16 of cancer to develop in the stomach, small intestine, liver, brain,

1 thyroid, and pancreas, and can cause other health conditions, such
2 as osteomas and desmoid tumors; and

3 WHEREAS, Having a sibling, parent, or child with the condition
4 increases an individual's risk of FAP or AFAP. Knowing your
5 family health history and discussing it with your health care
6 provider can help determine if genetic counseling or genetic testing
7 would be appropriate; and

8 WHEREAS, Understanding your risk for FAP or AFAP can
9 help health care providers determine an appropriate treatment and
10 screening protocol for the prevention or early detection of
11 colorectal and other cancers, and

12 WHEREAS, During this week, Stanford University Department
13 of Health Policy joins with the Stanford Genetics and Genomics
14 Program and Stanford Cancer Center to raise awareness of FAP
15 and AFAP. California residents are encouraged to gather their
16 family health history, and share this information with their health
17 care provider for early screening and prevention of cancers
18 associated with these conditions; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
21 week of June 16, to June 22, 2025, inclusive, as Familial
22 Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week in California; and be it
23 further.

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

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Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 73 (Niello) – As Introduced May 1, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of June 16, to June 22, 2025, inclusive, as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Adenomatous polyposis coli (APC)-associated polyposis, which includes familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP), is a hereditary condition that results in high number of polyps developing within the colon and rectum, significantly increasing an individual's risk of colorectal cancer.
- 2) Genetic changes in the APC gene related to FAP leads to the development of hundreds of polyps within the colon, frequently beginning during an individual's teenage years, that, if left untreated leads to cancer developing, on average, by 39 years of age.
- 3) Attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis (AFAP) is a variant of the condition that causes fewer polyps to develop at a later age, with an average cancer diagnosis of 55 years of age when left untreated.
- 4) Undiagnosed FAP and AFAP can increase the risk of cancer to develop in the stomach, small intestine, liver, brain, thyroid, and pancreas, and can cause other health conditions, such as osteomas and desmoid tumors.
- 5) Having a sibling, parent, or child with the condition increases an individual's risk of FAP or AFAP. Knowing your family health history and discussing it with your health care provider can help determine if genetic counseling or genetic testing would be appropriate.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Seyarto
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Jones, Limón, and
Ochoa Bogh)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Pacheco, Stefani, and Wallis)

May 12, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to Service Dog Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 77, as introduced, Seyarto. Service Dog Appreciation Month.
This measure would proclaim September 2025 as Service Dog Appreciation Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Service dogs are extraordinary animals that enable
2 their human companions to live their fullest lives; and
3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 500,000 service dogs in
4 the United States; and
5 WHEREAS, It takes roughly 18 to 24 months to train a service
6 dog; and
7 WHEREAS, Service dogs wear a harness or vest that identifies
8 their role; and
9 WHEREAS, The training and testing to become a service dog
10 is difficult, with only about one-half of the candidates succeeding
11 in meeting the stringent standards; and
12 WHEREAS, California benefits from the assistance of K–9
13 officers, search and rescue dogs, and many other service dogs that
14 serve their communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Service dogs are trained to perform specific tasks
2 for people in their careers and everyday lives, and they can be
3 trained to retrieve objects, assist with balance, give seizure or
4 diabetic alerts, or assist those with psychiatric disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Service dogs improve various aspects of the quality
6 of life of people with physical or psychiatric disabilities or chronic
7 health conditions, such as their psychosocial health, work- or
8 school-life participation, life satisfaction, independence, and self
9 esteem; and

10 WHEREAS, Service dogs also serve our nation's wounded
11 warriors suffering from conditions including post-traumatic stress
12 disorder and traumatic brain injury; and

13 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that these incredible animals
14 offer great benefits to their owners, including reduced anxiety,
15 lower blood pressure, and faster recovery from medical events;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that service dogs not only
18 decrease the frequency of their owners' medical episodes, such as
19 hypoglycemia, but also positively impact their owners' physical
20 health, well being, and activity level; and

21 WHEREAS, In the United States, over 61,000,000 individuals
22 live with disabilities, yet less than 1 percent have the assistance
23 of service dogs; and

24 WHEREAS, Despite a significant need, the average wait time
25 to obtain a service dog is about three years; and

26 WHEREAS, September is celebrated as National Service Dog
27 Month each year to honor the contribution skilled K-9 partners
28 offer to their owners; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
31 month of September 2025 as Service Dog Appreciation Month;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That Californians are grateful for the service and
34 dedication these loyal companions provide for their owners and
35 communities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 77 (Seyarto) – As Introduced May 12, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Service Dog Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of September 2025 as Service Dog Appreciation Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Service dogs are extraordinary animals that enable their human companions to live their fullest lives.
- 2) California benefits from the assistance of K-9 officers, search and rescue dogs, and many other service dogs that serve their communities.
- 3) Service dogs are trained to perform specific tasks for people in their careers and everyday lives. They can be trained to retrieve objects, assist with balance, give seizure or diabetic alerts, or assist those with psychiatric disabilities.
- 4) Service dogs also serve our nation's wounded warriors suffering from conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.
- 5) Studies have shown that these incredible animals offer great benefits to their owners, including reduced anxiety, lower blood pressure, and faster recovery from medical events.
- 6) September is celebrated as National Service Dog Month each year to honor the contribution skilled K-9 partners offer their owners.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Seyarto
(Coauthors: Senators Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Menjivar, Niello,
Ochoa Bogh, Umberg, and Valladares)

May 29, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 88—Relative to Purple Heart Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 88, as introduced, Seyarto. Purple Heart Day.

This measure would declare August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the
2 Armed Forces of the United States who are killed or wounded in
3 action; and
4 WHEREAS, Created in 1932, the Purple Heart has a long and
5 storied past that dates back to the founders of the United States.
6 The award takes its design from the Badge of Military Merit, which
7 was commissioned by General George Washington on August 7,
8 1782. This award consisted of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk
9 having a narrow edge of silver stitched with the word “Merit”
10 across the face and is considered to be the first official military
11 combat badge of the Armed Forces of the United States. The
12 official successor decoration of the Badge of Military Merit is the
13 Purple Heart; and
14 WHEREAS, Originally, the Purple Heart award was only open
15 to United States Army and Air Force service members and could
16 not be awarded posthumously. President Franklin D. Roosevelt
17 changed that in 1942 with an executive order that opened the award

1 to members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast
2 Guard. Later that year, in a separate order, the award was made
3 available for posthumous award to any member of the military;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, 1,506,000 Purple Heart
6 medals were manufactured, many in anticipation of the estimated
7 casualties resulting from the planned Allied invasion of Japan. By
8 the end of the war, even accounting for medals lost, stolen, or
9 wasted, nearly 500,000 remained. To the present date, total
10 combined American military casualties of the 70 years following
11 the end of World War II, including the Korean and Vietnam Wars,
12 have not exceeded that number. In 2000, there remained 120,000
13 Purple Heart medals in stock. The existing surplus allowed combat
14 units in Iraq and Afghanistan to keep Purple Hearts on-hand for
15 immediate award to soldiers wounded in the field; and

16 WHEREAS, To date, approximately 2,000,000 Purple Heart
17 Medals have been awarded. The award can be awarded
18 retroactively as far back as 1917, allowing veterans from World
19 War I to be eligible; and

20 WHEREAS, Originally, the Purple Heart was awarded for
21 meritorious service and injury was a consideration for merit. In
22 1942, the creation of the Legion of Merit award duplicated the
23 merit requirement, which became unnecessary for the Purple Heart;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, From 1942 to 1997, inclusive, civilians serving in,
26 or affiliated with, the Armed Forces of the United States were
27 eligible to receive the Purple Heart. Some of the earliest civilians
28 to receive this honor were firefighters wounded or killed while
29 fighting fires caused by the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

30 WHEREAS, Since California is home to more than 1,800,000
31 veterans and more than 200,000 active and reserve members of
32 the Armed Forces of the United States, it is especially appropriate
33 for all Californians to honor those who have been awarded the
34 Purple Heart; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians
37 to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United
38 States, especially those who have been wounded and received the
39 Purple Heart, and declares August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Day
40 in California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 7, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 88 (Seyarto) – As Introduced May 29, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Purple Heart Day.

SUMMARY: Declares August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Day in California; and, encourages all Californians to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have been wounded and received the Purple Heart. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are killed or wounded in action. Created in 1932, the Purple Heart has a long and storied past that dates back to the founders of the United States. The award takes its design from the Badge of Military Merit, which was commissioned by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. The official successor decoration of the Badge of Military Merit is the Purple Heart.
- 2) Originally, the Purple Heart award was only open to United States Army and Air Force service members and could not be awarded posthumously. President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed that in 1942 with an executive order that opened the award to members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Later that year, in a separate order, the award was made available for posthumous award to any member of the military.
- 3) To date, approximately 2 million Purple Heart Medals have been awarded. The award can be awarded retroactively as far back as 1917, allowing veterans from World War I to be eligible.
- 4) From 1942 to 1997, inclusive, civilians serving in, or affiliated with, the Armed Forces were eligible to receive the Purple Heart. Some of the earliest civilians to receive this honor were firefighters wounded or killed while fighting fires caused by the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- 5) Since California is home to more than 1.8 million veterans and more than 200,000 active and reserve members of the Armed Forces, it is especially appropriate for all Californians to honor those who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800