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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/9/19
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AJR 16 has been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/10/2019

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1830</u>	APPR.
<u>ACR 65</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 66</u>	TRANS.
<u>ACR 67</u>	RLS.
<u>AJR 16</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 8</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 23</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 24</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 27</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 33</u>	RLS.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

04/10/2019

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 862

TRANS.

AB 1222

HEALTH

AB 1228

REV. & TAX.

AB 1569

REV. & TAX.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 67

Introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio

April 8, 2019

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to sexual assault.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 67, as introduced, Blanca Rubio. Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Denim Day in California.

This measure would designate the month of April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and would recognize April 24, 2019, as Denim Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 2017, California rape crisis centers provided
2 direct crisis intervention services to 35,678 individuals, with 8,825
3 of those individuals identified as children and youth, and provided
4 community education for 177,427 people; and
5 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual
6 assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one
7 in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout
8 their lifetime; and
9 WHEREAS, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
10 Survey reports that there are over 22 million survivors of rape
11 throughout the United States with 2 million of those survivors of
12 rape currently living in the State of California; and
13 WHEREAS, The Cost and Consequences of Sexual Violence
14 in California report published by the California Coalition Against

1 Sexual Assault reports that in 2012, an estimated 948,000
2 California residents were sexually assaulted; and
3 WHEREAS, Rape and sexual assault impact people of all racial,
4 cultural, and economic backgrounds; and
5 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages suffer multiple types
6 of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape,
7 sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape,
8 ritual abuse, sexual harassment, child sexual molestation,
9 prostitution, pornography, and stalking; and
10 WHEREAS, In addition to the immediate physical and emotional
11 costs, sexual assault survivors too frequently suffer from severe
12 and long-lasting consequences, such as posttraumatic stress
13 disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating
14 disorders, low self-esteem, and suicide; and
15 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly,
17 and preventable health issue; and
18 WHEREAS, A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies,
19 known as the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, has
20 emerged to directly confront this crisis with the cooperation of law
21 enforcement agencies, health care providers, institutions of higher
22 education, and other allied professionals from California’s diverse
23 communities; and
24 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors
25 by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect; and
26 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the compassion and
27 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud their
28 commitment to foster healing, and increase public understanding
29 of this significant problem; and
30 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the strength, courage,
31 and challenges of the victims and survivors of sexual assault and
32 their families and friends as they struggle to cope with the reality
33 of sexual assault; and
34 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize that not all victims of
35 sexual assault survive, either at the time of the assault or later, due
36 to the horrific long-term trauma that sexual assault often inflicts
37 upon victims; and
38 WHEREAS, There are rape prevention and education efforts
39 underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths

1 and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in
2 a common goal of ending sexual assault; and

3 WHEREAS, It is crucial to hold perpetrators responsible for
4 sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In 1998, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the
7 conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman
8 after the court determined that, “because the victim wore very,
9 very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing
10 the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex”; and

11 WHEREAS, Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of
12 hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate
13 action and protested by wearing jeans to work; and

14 WHEREAS, Nations and states throughout the world have
15 followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their
16 own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual
17 assault; and

18 WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault
19 allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized
20 through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive
21 government systems; and

22 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in promoting
23 victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice,
24 medical, rape crisis, and health communities; now, therefore, be
25 it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
28 April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes April 24, 2019, as
30 Denim Day in California and encourages everyone to wear jeans
31 on that day to help communicate the message that there is no
32 excuse for, and never an invitation to commit, rape; and be it
33 further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 10, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 67 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Denim Day in California.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and recognizes April 24, 2019, as Denim Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2017, California rape crisis centers provided direct crisis intervention services to 35,678 individuals, with 8,825 of those individual identified as children and youth, and provided community education for 177,427 people.
- 2) The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey reports that there are over 22 million survivors of rape throughout the United States with 2 million of those survivors of rape currently living in the State of California.
- 3) People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout their lifetime; and, they suffer multiple types of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape, sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape, ritual abuse, sexual harassment, child sexual molestation, prostitution, pornography, and stalking.
- 4) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly, and preventable health issue.
- 5) A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies, known as the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, has emerged to directly confront this crisis with the cooperation of law enforcement agencies, health care providers, institutions of higher education, and other allied professionals from California’s diverse communities.
- 6) It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect. There are rape prevention and education efforts underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in a common goal of ending sexual assault.
- 7) In 1998, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman after the court determined that, “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work.
- 8) Nations and states throughout the world have followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual assault.

9) Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be victimized through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive government systems.

10) California is a national leader in promoting victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice, medical, rape crisis, and health communities.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 16

Introduced by Assembly Members Luz Rivas, Nazarian, and Calderon

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chu, Flora, Friedman, and Gabriel)

(Coauthors: Senators Portantino and Wilk)

April 9, 2019

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 16—Relative to the Armenian Genocide.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 16, as introduced, Luz Rivas. Armenian Genocide.

This measure would, among other things, designate the year 2019 as “State of California Year of Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923,” would designate April 24, 2019, as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 104th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923,” and would call upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Armenians have resided in Asia Minor and the
2 Caucasus for approximately four millennia, and have a long and
3 rich history in the region, including the establishment of many
4 kingdoms, and despite Armenians’ historic presence, stewardship,
5 and autonomy in the region, Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire
6 and the Republic of Turkey subjected Armenians to severe and

1 unjust persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres
2 beginning in the 1890s; and

3 WHEREAS, The Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic
4 and premeditated genocide officially beginning on April 24, 1915,
5 at the hands of the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire
6 from 1915 to 1919, inclusive, and continued at the hands of the
7 Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920 to 1923, inclusive,
8 whereby over 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children
9 were slaughtered or marched to their deaths in an effort to
10 annihilate the Armenian nation in the first genocide of modern
11 times, while thousands of surviving Armenian women and children
12 were forcibly converted and Islamized, and hundreds of thousands
13 more were subjected to ethnic cleansing during the period of the
14 modern Republic of Turkey from 1924 to 1937, inclusive; and

15 WHEREAS, During the genocides of the Christians living in
16 the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions, which occurred
17 during the first one-half of the 20th century, 1.5 million men,
18 women, and children of Armenian descent, and hundreds of
19 thousands of Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians, lost their
20 lives at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic
21 of Turkey, constituting one of the most atrocious violations of
22 human rights in the history of the world; and

23 WHEREAS, These crimes against humanity also had the
24 consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenians
25 and other targeted people from their historic homelands of more
26 than four millennia, and enriching the perpetrators with the lands
27 and other property of the victims of these crimes, including the
28 usurpation of several thousand churches; and

29 WHEREAS, In response to the genocide and at the behest of
30 President Woodrow Wilson and the United States Department of
31 State, the Near East Relief organization was founded, and became
32 the first congressionally sanctioned American philanthropic effort
33 created exclusively to provide humanitarian assistance and rescue
34 to the Armenian nation and other Christian minorities from
35 annihilation, who went on to survive and thrive outside of their
36 ancestral homeland all over the world and specifically in this state;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Near East Relief succeeded, with the active
39 participation of the citizens from this state, in delivering \$117
40 million in assistance, and saving more than one million refugees,

1 including 132,000 orphans, between 1915 and 1930, by delivering
2 food, clothing, and materials for shelter, setting up refugee camps,
3 clinics, hospitals, and orphanages; and

4 WHEREAS, The Armenian nation survived the genocide despite
5 the attempt by the Ottoman Empire to exterminate it; and

6 WHEREAS, Adolf Hitler, in persuading his army commanders
7 that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other
8 people would bring no retribution, declared, “Who, after all, speaks
9 today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 4, 1918, immediately after the
11 collapse of the Young Turk regime and before the founding of the
12 Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the
13 Ottoman Parliament considered a motion on the crimes committed
14 by the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP) stating: “A
15 population of one million people guilty of nothing except belonging
16 to the Armenian nation were massacred and exterminated,
17 including even women and children.” The Minister of Interior at
18 the time, Fethi Bey, responded by telling the Parliament: “It is the
19 intention of the government to cure every single injustice done up
20 until now, as far as the means allow, to make possible the return
21 to their homes of those sent into exile, and to compensate for their
22 material loss as far as possible”; and

23 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1926, in an interview published in
24 the Los Angeles Examiner, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk admitted:
25 “These left-overs from the former Young Turk Party, who should
26 have been made to account for the lives of millions of our Christian
27 subjects who were ruthlessly driven en masse, from their homes
28 and massacred, have been restive under the Republican rule. They
29 have hitherto lived on plunder, robbery and bribery and become
30 inimical to any idea or suggestion to enlist in useful labor and earn
31 their living by the honest sweat of their brow”; and

32 WHEREAS, The Parliamentary Investigative Committee
33 proceeded to collect relevant documents describing the actions of
34 those responsible for the Armenian mass killings and turned them
35 over to the Turkish Military Tribunal. CUP’s leading figures were
36 found guilty of massacring Armenians and hanged or given lengthy
37 prison sentences. The Turkish Military Tribunal requested that
38 Germany extradite to Turkey the masterminds of the massacres
39 who had fled the country. After German refusal, they were tried
40 in absentia and sentenced to death; and

1 WHEREAS, Unlike other people and governments that have
2 admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor
3 regimes, and despite the Turkish government’s earlier admissions
4 and the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of
5 Turkey inexplicably and adamantly has denied the occurrence of
6 the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young
7 Turk rulers for many years, and continues to do so a full century
8 since the first crimes constituting genocide occurred; and

9 WHEREAS, Those denials compound the grief of the few
10 remaining survivors and deprive the surviving Armenian nation
11 of its individual and collective ancestral lands, property, cultural
12 heritage, financial assets, and population growth; and

13 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its
14 international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained
15 its blockade of Armenia, and increased its pressure on the small
16 but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian
17 Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of
18 destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, and other
19 Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

20 WHEREAS, Those citizens of Turkey, both Armenian and
21 non-Armenian, who continue to speak the truth about the Armenian
22 Genocide, such as human rights activist and journalist Hrant Dink,
23 continue to be silenced by violent means; and

24 WHEREAS, There is continued concern about the welfare of
25 Christians in the Republic of Turkey, their right to worship and
26 practice freely, and the legal status and condition of thousands of
27 ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and other
28 historical and cultural structures, sites, and antiquities in the
29 Republic of Turkey; and

30 WHEREAS, The United States is on record as having officially
31 recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States
32 government’s May 28, 1951, written statement to the International
33 Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on
34 the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through
35 President Ronald Reagan’s April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838,
36 and by congressional legislation including House Joint Resolution
37 148 adopted on April 9, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247
38 adopted on September 12, 1984; and

39 WHEREAS, Prior to the Convention on the Prevention and
40 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States had a

1 record of seeking just and constructive means to address the
2 consequences of the Ottoman Empire’s intentional destruction of
3 the Armenian people, including through United States Senate
4 Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, United
5 States Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and
6 President Woodrow Wilson’s November 22, 1920, decision titled,
7 “The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey,” which was issued
8 as a binding arbitral award, yet has not been enforced to this date
9 despite its legally binding status; and

10 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama entered office “calling
11 for Turkey’s acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide” and on
12 April 24, 2013, and similarly on April 24, 2014, he further stated,
13 “A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of
14 our interests. Peoples and nations grow stronger, and build a more
15 just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and reckoning with
16 painful elements of the past”; and

17 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Armenian
18 American population in the United States, and Armenians living
19 in California have enriched our state through their leadership and
20 contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and
21 the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced
22 firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its
23 ongoing denial; and

24 WHEREAS, Every person should be made aware and educated
25 about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The State of California has been at the forefront
28 of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human
29 rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to
30 prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

31 WHEREAS, April 24, 1915, is globally observed and recognized
32 as the commencement of the Armenian Genocide; and

33 WHEREAS, Armenians in the State of California and throughout
34 the world have not been provided with justice for the crimes
35 perpetrated against the Armenian nation despite the fact that over
36 a century has passed since the crimes were first committed; and

37 WHEREAS, The Armenian people in the State of California
38 and throughout the world remain resolved and their spirit continues
39 to thrive more than a century after their near annihilation; now,
40 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
2 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature hereby designates the year
3 2019 as “State of California Year of Commemoration of the
4 Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923” and in
5 doing so, intends, through the enactment of legislation, that the
6 Armenian Genocide is properly commemorated and taught to its
7 citizens and visitors through statewide educational and cultural
8 events; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates April 24, 2019,
10 as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 104th
11 Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923”; and be it
12 further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends its conscientious
14 educators who teach about human rights and genocide, and intends
15 for them, through the enactment of legislation, to continue to
16 enhance their efforts to educate students at all levels about the
17 experience of the Armenians and other crimes against humanity;
18 and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby commends the
20 extraordinary service that was delivered by Near East Relief to the
21 survivors of the Armenian Genocide and the Assyrian Genocide,
22 including thousands of direct beneficiaries of American
23 philanthropy who are the parents, grandparents, and
24 great-grandparents of many Californian Armenians and Assyrians,
25 and pledges its intent, through the enactment of legislation, to
26 working with community groups, nonprofit organizations, citizens,
27 state personnel, and the community at large to host statewide
28 educational and cultural events; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature deplores the persistent, ongoing
30 efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the
31 historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature respectfully calls upon the
33 President of the United States and the United States Congress to
34 formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the
35 atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted
36 genocide; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the President of the
38 United States to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and
39 durable Armenian-Turkish relations; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
3 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
4 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
5 from California in the Congress of the United States, to the
6 Governor of California, to every member of the California State
7 Legislature, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Date of Hearing: April 10, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
AJR 16 (Luz Rivas) – As Introduced April 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Armenian Genocide.

SUMMARY: Designates the year of 2019 as "State of California Year of Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," designates April 24, 2019, as "State of California Day of Commemoration of the 104th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," and calls upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Armenians have resided in Asia Minor and the Caucasus for approximately four millennia, and have a long and rich history in the region, including the establishment of many kingdoms, and despite Armenians' historic presence, stewardship, and autonomy in the region, Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey subjected Armenians to severe and unjust persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres beginning in the 1890s.
- 2) The Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic and premeditated genocide officially beginning on April 24, 1915, at the hands of the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire from 1915–1919 and continued at the hands of the Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920–1923 whereby over 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children were slaughtered or marched to their deaths in an effort to annihilate the Armenian nation in the first genocide of modern times, while thousands of surviving Armenian women and children were forcibly converted and Islamized, and hundreds of thousands more were subjected to ethnic cleansing during the period of the modern Republic of Turkey from 1924–1937.
- 3) California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States, and Armenians living in California have enriched our state through their leadership and contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its ongoing denial.
- 4) The State of California has been at the forefront of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to prevent the recurrence of genocide.
- 5) The Armenian people, in the State of California and throughout the world remain resolved and their spirit continues to thrive more than a century after their near annihilation.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 29

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

March 28, 2019

House Resolution No. 29—Relative to College Bound Day.

1 WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman says that “Education is
2 for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community
3 and world better than you found it” and the late Nelson Mandela
4 declared, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can
5 use to change the world”; and

6 WHEREAS, College attainment is associated with higher
7 incomes for individuals, greater revenue for state and local
8 governments, and improved outcomes for communities, including,
9 but not limited to, lower crime rates and improved health, job
10 stability, career satisfaction, and success outside of the workplace;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The 21st-century economy requires more
13 individuals to have a college degree, and a college degree is critical
14 to one’s success in today’s workforce; and

15 WHEREAS, ~~The Current trends project the state will experience~~
16 ~~a deficit of 1,000,000~~ *shortage of 1,100,000* college-educated
17 workers by 2030; and

18 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education reports that
19 59.3 percent of 12th grade pupils in 2018 had not reached college
20 or career prepared status; and

21 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education reports that
22 African American, American Indian, English Learners, foster

1 youth, Hispanic, homeless, Pacific Islander, and socioeconomically
2 disadvantaged pupils are the lowest performing groups for college
3 or career preparedness; and

4 WHEREAS, The Concerned Parents Alliance is a nonprofit
5 community-based organization that was founded by Mr. Phillip
6 Willis, Jr. and Dr. Darlene V. Willis in June of 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, College Bound, an educational component of the
8 Concerned Parents Alliance, is committed to serving pupils and
9 families by offering a unique approach to college counseling,
10 development of study and success skills, parental involvement,
11 community service, black history, cultural awareness, career
12 exploration, and exposure to a variety of colleges and universities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, College Bound programs in northern and southern
15 California focus on academic excellence, leadership development,
16 parent and family engagement, self-esteem building, community
17 service, reading, and customized college tours; and

18 WHEREAS, One hundred percent of College Bound scholars
19 graduate from high school and have the choice of attending college
20 while simultaneously empowering their parents or legal guardians
21 to learn the “Parenopoly Series” strategies of being engaged and
22 empowered adults; and

23 WHEREAS, Concerned Parents Alliance and College Bound
24 programs have partnered with the University of California, other
25 institutions of higher education, the Oakland Athletics, employers,
26 nonprofit organizations, and 22 San Diego community-based
27 organizations to help empower more pupils and their families to
28 work together to ensure that more pupils are college bound; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
31 Assembly recognizes April 22, 2019, as College Bound Day, in
32 order to raise awareness of the importance of making education a
33 priority in every household; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Assembly urges all citizens to show their
35 support and fight against the educational crisis in the state by
36 commemorating this day and increasing awareness, taking action,
37 speaking up, and being proactive about the plight of education;
38 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: April 10, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 29 (Weber) – As Amended April 9, 2019

SUBJECT: College Bound Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 22, 2019, as College Bound Day, in order to raise awareness of the importance of making education a priority in every household. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Marian Wright Edelman says that “Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it” and the late Nelson Mandela declared, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
- 2) College attainment is associated with higher incomes for individuals, greater revenue for state and local governments, and improved outcomes for communities, including, but not limited to, lower crime rates and improved health, job stability, career satisfaction, and success outside of the workplace.
- 3) The 21st-century economy requires more individuals to have a college degree, and a college degree is critical to one’s success in today’s workforce; and the state will experience a deficit of 1,100,000 college-educated workers by 2030.
- 4) The State Department of Education reports that 59.3 percent of 12th grade pupils in 2018 had not reached college or career prepared status; and, the State Department of Education reports that African American, American Indian, English Learners, foster youth, Hispanic, homeless, Pacific Islander, and socioeconomically disadvantaged pupils are the lowest performing groups for college or career preparedness.
- 5) College Bound, an educational component of the Concerned Parents Alliance, is committed to serving pupils and families by offering a unique approach to college counseling, development of study and success skills, parental involvement, community service, black history, cultural awareness, career exploration, and exposure to a variety of colleges and universities.
- 6) College Bound programs in northern and southern California focus on academic excellence, leadership development, parent and family engagement, self-esteem building, community service, reading, and customized college tours.
- 7) One hundred percent of College Bound scholars graduate from high school and have the choice of attending college while simultaneously empowering their parents or legal guardians to learn the “Parenopoly Series” strategies of being engaged and empowered adults.
- 8) Concerned Parents Alliance and College Bound programs have partnered with the University of California, other institutions of higher education, the Oakland Athletics, employers, nonprofit organizations, and 22 San Diego community-based organizations to help empower more pupils and their families to work together to ensure that more pupils are college bound.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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