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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/21/2021
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 73 has been added to the list of referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/22/2021

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACA 1</u>	L. GOV.
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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 15, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

December 9, 2020

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to Black April Memorial Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 4, as amended, Nguyen. Black April Memorial Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2021 as Black April Memorial Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, April 30, 2021, marks the 46th year since the Fall
2 of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism; and

3 WHEREAS, For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who
4 were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who
5 have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy
6 full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and
7 Southeast Asian lives; and

8 WHEREAS, The combined United States and South Vietnamese
9 fatalities among military personnel during the Vietnam War
10 reached more than half a million, with approximately 800,000
11 additional troops being wounded in combat. Millions of
12 Vietnamese civilians suffered casualties and death as a result of
13 the extended conflict; and

14 WHEREAS, After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese
15 and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United

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1 States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel,
2 government officials, and those who had worked for the United
3 States during the war; and

4 WHEREAS, In the late 1970s to mid-1980s, thousands of
5 Vietnamese risked their lives by fleeing Vietnam aboard small
6 wooden boats. These emigrants reached refugee camps in Thailand,
7 Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong, while
8 approximately half of the people fleeing Vietnam in search of
9 freedom and democracy perished at sea; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census for 2010,
11 more than 580,000 Vietnamese live in California, with the largest
12 concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam
13 residing in the County of Orange; and

14 WHEREAS, Human rights, religious freedom, democracy, and
15 protection against threats of aggression are important concerns of
16 Vietnamese Americans and Vietnamese communities worldwide
17 stemming from human rights abuses that continue to occur in
18 Vietnam in the following areas, among ~~others~~, *others*; child labor,
19 human trafficking, religious and political persecution, suppression
20 of the press, unlawful deprivation of life, forced disappearances,
21 and land seizure; and

22 WHEREAS, The ~~2014~~ *2016* United States Department of State's
23 Report on Human Rights Practices in Vietnam estimates ~~125~~ *94*
24 political detainees are being held, and the International Labor
25 Rights Forum reports that mistreatment has continued at
26 reeducation centers, including forcing detainees to produce goods
27 for private companies; and

28 WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations
29 important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing
30 situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese
31 refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example
32 of the values of freedom and democracy; and

33 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
34 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
35 freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just
36 and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of
37 time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers,
38 medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War
39 in pursuit of freedom and democracy; and

1 WHEREAS, Vietnamese American communities throughout
2 California will commemorate April 30, 2021, as Black April, a
3 day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom,
4 including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of
5 *the press*, and internet freedom; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the great tragedy and
8 suffering and lives lost during the Vietnam War, the month of
9 April ~~2021~~, 2021 shall be proclaimed Black April Memorial Month,
10 a special time for Californians to remember the lives lost during
11 the Vietnam War era, and to hope for a more humane and just life
12 for the people of Vietnam; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 4 (Nguyen) – As Amended April 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Black April Memorial Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2021 as Black April Memorial Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) April 30, 2021, marks the 46th year since the Fall of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism.
- 2) For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives.
- 3) After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war.
- 4) According to the United States Census for 2010, more than 580,000 Vietnamese live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam residing in the County of Orange.
- 5) We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy.
- 6) We, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War in pursuit of freedom and democracy.
- 7) Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2021, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and internet freedom.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

April 21, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 73, as introduced, Frazier. Autism Awareness Month.

This measure would designate April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and would encourage residents to show support for autism awareness.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that
2 manifests during the first few years of a child’s life and results
3 from a neurological disorder that affects brain function; and
4 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can affect an
5 individual’s social, communication, and behavioral skills; and
6 WHEREAS, Autism affects children from all countries,
7 regardless of gender, race, or socio-economic status; and
8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that as many as 2.41 percent of
9 children in the United States suffer from ASD; and
10 WHEREAS, Young adults with autism are less likely to continue
11 their education past secondary school and 35 percent do not have
12 a job or receive postgraduate education after leaving high school;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, In 2020, the United States Department of Health
15 and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1 (CDC) reported that approximately one out of every 54 children
2 in the United States is diagnosed with ASD; and
3 WHEREAS, Young adults with ASD are less likely to continue
4 their education past secondary school and 25 percent do not have
5 a job or pursue higher education after leaving high school; and
6 WHEREAS, Autism affects people from all backgrounds, but
7 disproportionately affects minority and economically disadvantaged
8 communities due to the cost and inaccessibility of autism care;
9 and
10 WHEREAS, Medical expenses for children with ASD are shown
11 to be four to six times greater than those without ASD; and
12 WHEREAS, While there is no cure for autism, it is
13 well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment
14 early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead
15 significantly improved lives; and
16 WHEREAS, While there is no diagnostic test for ASD, the
17 increased awareness of autism and the detection services available
18 today make it possible for more people to be properly diagnosed
19 with ASD; and
20 WHEREAS, ASD is not becoming more pervasive, but rather,
21 the increased accessibility to services and professionals is assisting
22 individuals in the diagnosis process; and
23 WHEREAS, ASD is a lifelong condition that requires support,
24 training, assistance, and advocacy on behalf of diagnosed
25 individuals; and
26 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of
27 specialized and community support services to ensure their health
28 and safety, as well as the resilience of their families as they manage
29 the psychological and financial burdens autism presents; now,
30 therefore, be it
31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the month of
33 April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents
34 to show support for autism awareness; and be it further
35 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 73 (Frazier) – As Introduced April 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Autism Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that manifests during the first few years of a child's life and results from a neurological disorder that affects brain function. Autism affects children from all countries, regardless of gender, race, or socio-economic status.
- 2) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can affect an individual's social, communication, and behavioral skills. In 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that approximately one out of every 54 children in the United States is diagnosed with ASD.
- 3) Young adults with ASD are less likely to continue their education past secondary school and 25 percent do not have a job or pursue higher education after leaving high school.
- 4) Autism affects people from all backgrounds, but disproportionately affects minority and economically disadvantaged communities due to the cost and inaccessibility of autism care. Medical expenses for children with ASD are shown to be four to six times greater than those without ASD.
- 5) While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives. And, while there is no diagnostic test for ASD, the increased awareness of autism and the detection services available today make it possible for more people to be properly diagnosed with ASD.
- 6) ASD is not becoming more pervasive, but rather, the increased accessibility to services and professionals is assisting individuals in the diagnosis process.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 19

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 4, 2021

House Resolution No. 19—Relative to Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Many people with serious, chronic mental illness,
2 such as schizophrenia and other schizoaffective disorders, bipolar
3 disorder, or severe depression, require treatment with medications
4 that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs),
5 including antipsychotics; and

6 WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications
7 can be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can
8 also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

9 WHEREAS, Many people who have gastrointestinal disorders,
10 including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, also require
11 treatment with DRBAs; and

12 WHEREAS, Treatment of gastrointestinal disorders with DRBAs
13 can be very helpful, but for many patients can lead to TD; and

14 WHEREAS, TD is a movement disorder that is characterized
15 by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different
16 muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities. In some cases, people
17 may experience movement of the arms, legs, fingers, and toes. In
18 some cases, it may affect the tongue, lips, and jaw. In other cases,
19 symptoms may include swaying movements of the trunk or hips
20 and may impact the muscles associated with walking, speech,
21 eating, and breathing; and

22 WHEREAS, TD can develop months, years, or decades after a
23 person starts taking DRBAs, and even after they have discontinued

1 use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA
2 develops TD, but if it develops it is often permanent; and

3 WHEREAS, Common risk factors for TD include advanced age
4 and alcoholism or other substance abuse disorders. Postmenopausal
5 women and people with a mood disorder are also at higher risk of
6 developing TD; and

7 WHEREAS, A person is at higher risk for TD after taking
8 DRBAs for three months or longer, but the longer the person is
9 on these medications, the higher the risk of developing TD; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies suggest that the overall risk of developing
11 TD following prolonged exposure to DRBAs is between 10 and
12 30 percent; and

13 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 60,000 Californians suffer
14 from TD; and

15 WHEREAS, Years of difficult and challenging research have
16 resulted in scientific breakthroughs in the last year, with two new
17 treatments for TD approved by the United States Food and Drug
18 Administration. TD is often unrecognized and patients suffering
19 from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screening
20 for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by
21 the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

22 WHEREAS, Patients who take DRBAs should be regularly
23 evaluated by their health care providers to ensure that any signs
24 of TD are recognized. Health care providers should use a rating
25 scale recommended by the APA; and

26 WHEREAS, Patients suffering from TD often suffer
27 embarrassment due to abnormal and involuntary movements, which
28 leads them to withdraw from society and increasingly isolate
29 themselves as the disease progresses; and

30 WHEREAS, The caregivers of patients with TD face many
31 challenges and are often responsible for the overall care of the TD
32 patient; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
34 *Assembly proclaims the week of May 3, 2021, as Tardive*
35 *Dyskinesia Awareness Week, with the goal of raising awareness*
36 *of this potentially debilitating disease; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 19 (Mullin) – As Introduced February 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of May 3, 2021, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, to raise awareness of this potentially debilitating disease. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Many people with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia and other schizoaffective disorders, bipolar disorder, or severe depression, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics. While ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD).
- 2) TD is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities. In some cases, people may experience movement of the arms, legs, fingers, and toes. In some cases, it may affect the tongue, lips, and jaw. In other cases, symptoms may include swaying movements of the trunk or hips and may impact the muscles associated with walking, speech, eating, and breathing.
- 3) TD can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs, and even after they have discontinued use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops it is often permanent.
- 4) Common risk factors for TD include advanced age and alcoholism or other substance abuse disorders. Postmenopausal women and people with a mood disorder are also at higher risk of developing TD.
- 5) A person is at higher risk for TD after taking DRBAs for three months or longer, but the longer the person is on these medications, the higher the risk of developing TD. Studies suggest that the overall risk of developing TD following prolonged exposure to DRBAs is between 10 and 30 percent. It is estimated that over 60,000 Californians suffer from TD.
- 6) Years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in scientific breakthroughs in the last year, with two new treatments for TD approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. TD is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).
- 7) Patients who take DRBAs should be regularly evaluated by their health care providers to ensure that any signs of TD are recognized. Health care providers should use a rating scale recommended by the APA.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Chronic Care Coalition

Opposition

None on file

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



March 30, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
Capitol Building, Room 3160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: HR 19 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mullin,

The California Chronic Care Coalition is pleased to support your Resolution, HR 19 which proclaims the week of May 3, 2021, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week. The California Chronic Care Coalition is a unique alliance of more than 30 leading consumer health organizations, including physician and provider groups representing Californians living with chronic conditions. We advise and promote the collaborative work of policy makers, industry leaders, and patient-centered stakeholders emphasizing access to affordable, quality healthcare focusing on all levels of prevention, coordinated care, and the wellness and longevity of patients.

Many people with severe mental illness require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents. Ongoing treatment with these medications can sometimes lead to Tardive Dyskinesia. It is estimated that over 60,000 Californians suffer from Tardive Dyskinesia, yet patients are often misdiagnosed. CCCC supports legislative efforts that ensure California is committed to quality, affordable and accessible health care coverage for all Californians. HR 19 will help create awareness in California regarding this debilitating disease, which could help more Californians with Tardive Dyskinesia be accurately diagnosed. For these reasons we are pleased to support HR 19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Helms".

Liz Helms
President & CEO

cc: Members, California State Assembly

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 38

Introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo

April 12, 2021

House Resolution No. 38—Relative to sexual assault.

1 WHEREAS, In 2019, California rape crisis centers provided
2 direct crisis intervention services to 40,039 individuals and
3 provided community education for 179,061 people; and

4 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual
5 assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one
6 in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout
7 their lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
9 Survey reports that there are over 22 million survivors of rape
10 throughout the United States with 2 million of those survivors of
11 rape currently living in the State of California; and

12 WHEREAS, According to ValorCalifornia, formerly the
13 California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, at least an estimated
14 one million California residents are known to be sexually assaulted
15 each year; and

16 WHEREAS, Rape and sexual assault impact people of all racial,
17 cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

18 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages suffer multiple types
19 of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape,
20 sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape,
21 sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and stalking;
22 and

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1 WHEREAS, In addition to the immediate physical and emotional
2 costs, sexual assault survivors too frequently suffer from severe
3 and long-lasting consequences, such as posttraumatic stress
4 disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating
5 disorders, low self-esteem, and suicide; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly,
8 and preventable health issue; and

9 WHEREAS, A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies,
10 known as ValorCalifornia, continues to directly confront this crisis
11 with the cooperation of community advocates, health care
12 providers, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and
13 other allied professionals from California’s diverse communities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors
16 by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the compassion and
18 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud their
19 commitment to foster healing, and increase public understanding
20 of this significant problem; and

21 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the strength, courage,
22 and challenges of the victims and survivors of sexual assault and
23 their families and friends as they struggle to cope with the reality
24 of sexual assault; and

25 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize that not all victims of
26 sexual assault survive, either at the time of the assault or later, due
27 to the horrific long-term trauma that sexual assault often inflicts
28 upon victims; and

29 WHEREAS, There are rape prevention and education efforts
30 underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths
31 and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in
32 a common goal of ending sexual assault; and

33 WHEREAS, It is crucial to hold perpetrators responsible for
34 sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity;
35 and

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

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

4 WHEREAS, Nations and states throughout the world have
5 followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their
6 own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual
7 assault; and

8 WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault
9 allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized
10 through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive
11 government systems; and

12 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in promoting
13 victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice,
14 medical, rape crisis, and health communities; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
17 *Assembly designates the month of April 2021 as Sexual Assault*
18 *Awareness Month; and be it further*

19 *Resolved, That the Assembly recognizes April-29, 28, 2021, as*
20 *Denim Day in California and encourages everyone to wear jeans*
21 *on that day to help communicate the message that there is no*
22 *excuse for, and never an invitation to commit, rape; and be it*
23 *further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 38 (Carrillo) – As Amended April 19, 2021

SUBJECT: sexual assault.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and recognizes April 28, 2021, as Denim Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2019, California rape crisis centers provided direct crisis intervention services to 40,039 individuals and provided community education for 179,061 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, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, 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 ValorCalifornia, continues to directly confront this crisis with the cooperation of community advocates, health care providers, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, 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 revictimized 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

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

Introduced by Senator Pan

February 9, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Pan. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. This measure would proclaim the month of March 2021 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2021
- 2 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at
- 4 least 4,000 people in California, and von Willebrand disease
- 5 impacts at least 360,000 people in California; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and
- 7 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding
- 8 episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles,
- 9 internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints
- 10 result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often
- 11 lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic
- 12 pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain
- 13 can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected
- 15 with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C in the
- 16 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood
- 17 products; and

1 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive
2 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related
3 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and can lead
4 productive lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment
6 centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to proper care
8 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
9 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This awareness month will generate greater
12 understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding
13 disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, This awareness month will foster a greater sense
15 of community and shared purpose among all individuals with
16 inheritable bleeding disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, This awareness month will elevate the awareness
18 of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey
19 beyond this community to the general public, enabling the
20 prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature pause in its deliberations
24 to proudly proclaim the month of March 2021 as Bleeding
25 Disorders Awareness Month in the State of California; and be it
26 further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 13 (Pan) – As Introduced February 9, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2021 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at least 4,000 people in California, and von Willebrand disease impacts at least 360,000 people in California.
- 2) Without treatment, people with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles, internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death.
- 3) With proper care and access to comprehensive medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and can lead productive lives.
- 4) The State of California is committed to proper care and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation.
- 5) This awareness month will generate greater understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, and will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders.
- 6) This awareness month will elevate the awareness of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond this community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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April 14, 2021

Hon. Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

I am requesting permission to add an urgency clause to AB 255, which will provide immediate rent relief to California's locally owned small businesses for the duration of the state's COVID-19 state of emergency. This bill allows for small businesses to take an additional twelve months after the state of emergency has ended to pay any back due rent so long as they have paid at least twenty-five percent of their monthly rent through the state of emergency.

The urgency piece within the bill is related to the current COVID-19 pandemic and potentially other infectious diseases that may occur.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriela Castillo,
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Sincerely,



Al Muratsuchi
Assemblymember, 66th District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, 2021
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 25, 2021
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 255

Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi

January 14, 2021

An act to add Section 1952.9 to the Civil Code, relating to COVID-19 relief.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 255, as amended, Muratsuchi. COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Eviction and Rent Relief Act.

Existing law provides that a tenant is guilty of unlawful detainer if the tenant continues to possess the property without permission of the landlord in specified circumstances, including when the tenant has violated the lease or rental agreement by defaulting on rent, and requires the tenant be served a 3 days' notice in writing to cure the default, as specified. Existing law provides that an unlawful detainer action is subject to the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, which provides tenants with specified temporary protections from eviction, if the default in the payment of rent is based upon COVID-19 rental debt, as defined.

This bill would require a landlord, who receives a statement signed ~~under penalty of perjury~~ by a commercial tenant, as defined, and supported by documentary evidence that ~~attests evidences~~ that the tenant requests emergency rent relief because the business of the commercial tenant has experienced a decrease in average monthly gross revenue of at least 50%, which is reasonably attributable to public health regulations adopted to address the COVID-19 pandemic, during the qualifying time

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period, as defined, as compared with the 12 months immediately preceding the qualifying time period, as defined, to conduct a good faith negotiation to form a plan to allow the commercial tenant a reasonable opportunity to repay COVID-19 lease debt while minimizing the hardship to the landlord. ~~By expanding the scope of the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~ The bill would prohibit, except as provided, a landlord from terminating a lease of a commercial tenant, before the date that is one year from the end of the qualifying time period, who paid 25% of the amount due under the lease during the qualifying time period.

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.
 State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “COVID-19
- 2 Emergency Small Business Eviction and Rent Relief Act.”
- 3 SEC. 2. (a) California small businesses are drivers of economic
- 4 growth by creating two-thirds of new jobs and employing nearly
- 5 half of all private sector employees.
- 6 (b) California is home to 4.1 million small businesses,
- 7 representing 99.8 percent of all businesses in the state and
- 8 employing 7.2 million workers in California, which is 48.5 percent
- 9 of the state’s total workforce.
- 10 (c) The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a significant
- 11 challenge to small businesses, employers, and employees. An
- 12 August 2020 Small Business Majority survey found that 44 percent
- 13 of small businesses are at risk of shutting down. Data released
- 14 through the United States Census Current Population Survey found
- 15 that minority-owned businesses are disproportionately impacted.
- 16 The number of active businesses owned by African Americans
- 17 dropped by 41 percent, Latinx by 32 percent, Asians by 25 percent,
- 18 and immigrants by 36 percent.

1 (d) Small business support is critical to ensure these Californians
2 are connected to the resources they need to pivot and adapt to the
3 COVID-19 marketplace.

4 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to support small businesses
5 by enacting commercial rent relief as businesses work to safely
6 reopen and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 SEC. 3. Section 1952.9 is added to the Civil Code, to read:

8 1952.9. (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) “Certificate of hardship” means ~~a statement, signed under~~
10 ~~penalty of perjury~~ *statement signed* by a commercial tenant and
11 supported by documentary evidence, ~~attesting to~~ *evidencing* both
12 of the following:

13 (A) The tenant requests emergency rent relief because the
14 business of the commercial tenant has experienced a decrease in
15 average monthly gross revenue of at least 50 percent during the
16 qualifying time period as compared with the 12 months
17 immediately preceding the qualifying time period.

18 (B) The decrease in average monthly gross revenue described
19 in subparagraph (A) is reasonably attributable to public health
20 regulations adopted to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

21 (2) “Commercial tenant” means a person or entity, whose offices
22 are ~~domiciled~~ in the state, that meets all of the following criteria:

23 (A) The person or entity hires real property in this state that is
24 not a dwelling unit, as defined in Section 1940, or a mobilehome,
25 as defined in Section 798.3.

26 (B) The person or entity employs no more than 50 employees.

27 (C) The person or entity operates an independently owned and
28 operated business or nonprofit organization that ~~is not dominant~~
29 ~~in its field of operation~~ and has its principal office in the state.

30 (D) Between January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2021, the person
31 or entity had average annual gross revenues not exceeding five
32 million dollars (\$5,000,000).

33 (3) “COVID-19 lease debt” means an unpaid financial obligation
34 of a commercial tenant under the tenancy that came due during
35 the qualifying time period.

36 (4) “Qualifying time period” means the period of time between
37 March 1, 2020, and August 1, 2021.

38 (b) (1) If a landlord receives a certificate of hardship from a
39 commercial tenant, the landlord and the tenant shall conduct a
40 good faith negotiation to form a plan to allow the commercial

1 tenant a reasonable opportunity to repay COVID-19 lease debt
 2 while minimizing the hardship to the landlord.

3 (2) A landlord shall be deemed in compliance with this
 4 subdivision if the landlord is unable to consent to the plan described
 5 in paragraph (1) without subjecting the landlord to significant risk
 6 of default on their own financial obligations.

7 (c) (1) If the commercial tenant has paid at least 25 percent of
 8 the amount due under the lease during the qualifying time period,
 9 both of the following shall apply:

10 (A) The landlord shall not terminate the lease for failure to pay
 11 a COVID-19 lease debt before the date that is one year from the
 12 end of the qualifying time period.

13 (B) The commercial tenant is not guilty of unlawful detainer
 14 before the date that is one year from the end of the qualifying time
 15 period.

16 (2) This subdivision shall not apply if compliance with this
 17 subdivision would subject the landlord to significant risk of default
 18 on its own financial obligations.

19 (d) This section does not prohibit the termination or amendment
 20 of a lease for reasons other than a failure to pay a COVID-19 lease
 21 debt for the reasons described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)
 22 or for reasons other than a failure to pay a COVID-19 lease debt.

23 (e) (1) This section establishes a minimum standard to protect
 24 a commercial tenant from eviction and to provide emergency rent
 25 relief.

26 (2) This act does not preempt a local law that provides greater
 27 protection to a commercial tenant.

28 ~~SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
 29 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
 30 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
 31 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
 32 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
 33 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
 34 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
 35 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
 36 ~~Constitution.~~

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 12, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 8, 2021

House Resolution No. 21—Relative to the Armenian Genocide.

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
7 unjust persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres
8 beginning in the 1890s; and

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

21 WHEREAS, During the genocides of the Christians living in
22 the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions, which occurred

1 during the first half of the 20th century, 1.5 million men, women,
2 and children of Armenian descent, and hundreds of thousands of
3 Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians, lost their lives at the hands
4 of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic of Turkey,
5 constituting one of the most atrocious violations of human rights
6 in the history of the world; and

7 WHEREAS, These crimes against humanity also had the
8 consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenians
9 and other targeted people from their historic homelands of more
10 than four millennia and enriching the perpetrators with the lands
11 and other property of the victims of these crimes, including the
12 usurpation of several thousand churches; and

13 WHEREAS, In response to the genocide and at the behest of
14 President Woodrow Wilson and the United States Department of
15 State, the Near East Relief organization was founded and became
16 the first congressionally sanctioned American philanthropic effort
17 created exclusively to provide humanitarian assistance and rescue
18 to the Armenian nation and other Christian minorities from
19 annihilation, who went on to survive and thrive outside of their
20 ancestral homeland all over the world and specifically in this state;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Near East Relief succeeded, with the active
23 participation of the citizens from this state, in delivering \$117
24 million in assistance, and saving more than one million refugees,
25 including 132,000 orphans, between 1915 and 1930, by delivering
26 food, clothing, and materials for shelter, setting up refugee camps,
27 clinics, hospitals, and orphanages; and

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

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

34 WHEREAS, On November 4, 1918, immediately after the
35 collapse of the Young Turk regime and before the founding of the
36 Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the
37 Ottoman Parliament considered a motion on the crimes committed
38 by the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP) stating: “A
39 population of one million people guilty of nothing except belonging
40 to the Armenian nation were massacred and exterminated,

1 including even women and children.” The Minister of Interior at
2 the time, Fethi Bey, responded by telling the Parliament: “It is the
3 intention of the government to cure every single injustice done up
4 until now, as far as the means allow, to make possible the return
5 to their homes of those sent into exile, and to compensate for their
6 material loss as far as possible”; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The Parliamentary Investigative Committee
17 proceeded to collect relevant documents describing the actions of
18 those responsible for the Armenian mass killings and turned them
19 over to the Turkish Military Tribunal. CUP’s leading figures were
20 found guilty of massacring Armenians and hanged or given lengthy
21 prison sentences. The Turkish Military Tribunal requested that
22 Germany extradite to Turkey the masterminds of the massacres
23 who had fled the country. After German refusal, they were tried
24 in absentia and sentenced to death; and

25 WHEREAS, Unlike other people and governments that have
26 admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor
27 regimes, and despite the Turkish government’s earlier admissions
28 and the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of
29 Turkey inexplicably and adamantly has denied the occurrence of
30 the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young
31 Turk rulers for many years, and continues to do so a full century
32 since the first crimes constituting genocide occurred; and

33 WHEREAS, Those denials compound the grief of the few
34 remaining survivors and deprive the surviving Armenian nation
35 of its individual and collective ancestral lands, property, cultural
36 heritage, financial assets, and population growth; and

37 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its
38 international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained
39 its blockade of Armenia, and increased its pressure on the small
40 but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian

1 Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of
2 destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, and other
3 Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

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

8 WHEREAS, There is continued concern about the welfare of
9 Christians in the Republic of Turkey, their right to worship and
10 practice freely, and the legal status and condition of thousands of
11 ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and other
12 historical and cultural structures, sites, and antiquities in the
13 Republic of Turkey; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States is on record as having officially
15 recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States
16 government's May 28, 1951, written statement to the International
17 Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on
18 the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through
19 President Ronald Reagan's April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838,
20 and by congressional legislation including House Joint Resolution
21 148 adopted on April 9, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247
22 adopted on September 12, 1984; and

23 WHEREAS, Prior to the Convention on the Prevention and
24 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States had a
25 record of seeking just and constructive means to address the
26 consequences of the Ottoman Empire's intentional destruction of
27 the Armenian people, including through United States Senate
28 Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, United
29 States Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and
30 President Woodrow Wilson's November 22, 1920, decision titled,
31 "The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey," which was issued
32 as a binding arbitral award, yet has not been enforced to this date
33 despite its legally binding status; and

34 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama entered office "calling
35 for Turkey's acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide" and on
36 April 24, 2013, and similarly on April 24, 2014, he further stated,
37 "A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of
38 our interests. Peoples and nations grow stronger, and build a more
39 just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and reckoning with
40 painful elements of the past"; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Armenian
2 American population in the United States, and Armenians living
3 in California have enriched our state through their leadership and
4 contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and
5 the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced
6 firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its
7 ongoing denial; and

8 WHEREAS, Every person should be made aware and educated
9 about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The State of California has been at the forefront
12 of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human
13 rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to
14 prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Armenians in California and throughout the world
18 have not been provided with justice for the crimes perpetrated
19 against the Armenian nation despite the fact that over a century
20 has passed since the crimes were first committed; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That April*
23 *24, 2021, be recognized as “State of California Day of*
24 *Commemoration of the ~~105th~~ 106th Anniversary of the Armenian*
25 *Genocide of 1915–1923”;* and be it further

26 *Resolved, That the Assembly commends its conscientious*
27 *educators who teach about human rights and genocide and intends*
28 *for them, through this resolution, to continue to enhance their*
29 *efforts to educate students at all levels about the experience of the*
30 *Armenians and other crimes against humanity; and be it further*

31 *Resolved, That the Assembly hereby commends the*
32 *extraordinary service that was delivered by Near East Relief to the*
33 *survivors of the Armenian Genocide and the Assyrian Genocide,*
34 *including thousands of direct beneficiaries of American*
35 *philanthropy who are the parents, grandparents, and*
36 *great-grandparents of many Californian Armenians and Assyrians,*
37 *and pledges its intent, through this resolution, to working with*
38 *community groups, nonprofit organizations, citizens, state*
39 *personnel, and the community at large to host statewide educational*
40 *and cultural events; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Assembly deplores the persistent, ongoing
- 2 efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the
- 3 historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 22, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 21 (Nazarian) – As Amended February 12, 2021

SUBJECT: the Armenian Genocide.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 24, 2021, as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 106th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923;” and, commends educators who teach about human rights and genocide and intends for them to continue to enhance their efforts to educate students at all levels about the experience of the Armenians and other crimes against humanity. 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 to 1919, inclusive, and continued at the hands of the Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920 to 1923, inclusive, 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 to 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) Every person should be made aware and educated about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity. 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.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

California Turkish Alliance

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Following is the opposition letter.

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Date March 22, 2021

Regarding: Opposition on HR 21

Honorable Chairman and members of the committee,

I was one of those naive people who believed that our democratic system would protect me and my rights. I was diligently rejecting the notion that the opposite could be true. Therefore, every year for more than 30 years, I went to the State Capital trying to correct the unjust and biased so-called Armenian Genocide Resolutions that perpetuating hatred against the Turkish community in California and abroad. Over the last 30 years, I have presented to lawmakers, many documents from the US and international archives clearly proving that the 1915 incident was not a “Genocide”.

Therefore I am not going to reintroduce all these documents to you now. I only would like to explain the consequences of your vote on HR 21, how it will affect the interests of the United States and its citizens in our present time. The “Yes” votes mean to help Russia strengthened its position against the United States. Russia has its largest military base in Armenia and continues to expand it. And Russia recently opened another military base in Armenia. This is clearly against the interests of the United States and its allies.

On the contrary, in Turkey, there are 40 known and many classified US military bases; some of which include nuclear weapons that can be used against Russia. If Russia has a conflict with the US, guess who will be the target of the first bomb (nuclear or conventional). Russia would destroy Turkey first; in case it has a conflict with the US. Mine, my family’s, and 80 million of my fellow citizens’ lives are put on the line for your safety.

A resolution like that might look innocent but it creates tremendous discomfort among

Turkish citizens. Building trust and compassion between two countries takes time and is mutually beneficial.

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It is like building a wall by placing one brick at a time. A resolution like this is taking a brick out of the wall, causing the wall to fall like a Jenga. The old American saying is “Shooting yourself in the foot”.

In 1900, the Russian goal was to reach the Mediterranean Sea. The best way for Russia to access warm waters was through Eastern Turkey. So, Russia armed the Armenian bandits with false promises that they would grant them independence. In response; The Armenians began clearing the region from its Turkish population, to carry out an open ethnic cleansing. The skulls exhumed from every mass grave, that were dug out in Turkey under the supervision of international observation teams, turned out to belong to massacred Turkish people. In the Eastern Region alone, 595.200 innocent Turkish civilians lost their lives.

The 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, interrupted the Russian dream of reaching the Mediterranean Sea. Consequently, the Russian Army withdrew from Turkish soil. Approximately one million Armenians also crossed to the other side of the Turkish border, along with the Russian forces. Today some live in Armenia and some in Georgia, Syria, and Lebanon.

According to HR 21, Americans rescued one million Armenians. According to the census of the Armenian Church: before 1914, the Armenian population in Turkey was 950.000. According to the British census, the Armenian population was one million and two hundred thousand.

But HR 21 claims that one and a half million Armenians lost their lives, during these times. You do the math.

HR 21 contradicts itself page after page, with falsified and forged information, and

numerous baseless accusations... Such resolutions have not aimed to provide true information to you; resolutions, after resolutions, have intended to create a negative image and perpetuate hatred against the Turkish nation. Therefore, the information on

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such resolutions do not need to be correct, they have to be good enough to fool people by manipulating their emotions.

You might question why the Armenian diaspora would perpetuate this hate propaganda? I tell you why: Because for the Armenian diaspora, the so-called Armenian Genocide is a hot commodity that they can capitalize on. The so-called Armenian genocide provides to some attorneys the opportunity to plunder Armenian citizens. This subject has become a way to make millions of dollars. Churches use it to strengthen their congregations. Politicians use it for getting elected or getting appointed to higher government positions, and some use it to obtain government contracts. Today's Armenian Diaspora is no different than the 1915 Armenian bandits that caused destruction and bloodshed in the region.

I would like to present you with a couple of very short documents out of many, which might help your decision-making process.

1- July 1923 former Armenian Prime Minister Katchaznoui addressed the Armenian Assembly in Bucharest. Quote:

“In the fall of 1914, Armenian volunteer bands organized themselves and fought against the Turks. Because they could not refrain themselves from organizing and from fighting.

This was an inevitable result of psychology on which the Armenian people had nourished themselves the entire generation.

We had no doubt that war would end with the complete victory of the Allies; Turkey would be defeated and dismembered and its Armenian population would, at last, be liberated.”.

2- M. L. Bristol, Rear Admiral in the US Navy reported from the region, while he was serving as the United States High Commissioner in Turkey:

“I see that reports are being freely circulated in the United States that the Turks massacred thousands of Armenians in the Caucasus. Such reports are repeated so many times that it makes my blood boil. The Near East Relief has the reports from Yarrow and our own American people which show that such Armenian reports are absolutely false. The circulation of such false reports in the United States, without refutation, is an outrage...”

Source: Us Library of Congress: Bristol papers - General Correspondence, Container # 34 Dated 28 March 1921.

In the past, I sent letters to former senators Joe Simitian, Chuck Poochigian asking them to make a joint resolution that creates unity between Armenians and Turks. They neither responded to my requests nor acknowledged them. I respectfully ask Nazarian and the committee to please make a Joint Resolution uniting the people, not dividing them.

I have the same dream that Martin Luther King had: I like to see the next generation of Armenians and Turks dancing together. I have been coming to the State Capitol for over 30 years. I will keep coming until I can achieve this dream, or until I die.

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Best regards,

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