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Monday, June 11, 2018
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/8/18
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, SB 1424 and SB 1474 have been changed and ACR 249, ACR 251, and HR 112 have been added.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/11/2018

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

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<u>SB 1015</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>SB 1056</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SB 1072</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SB 1098</u>	B. & P.
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<u>SB 1194</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1194</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>SB 1196</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>SB 1196</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1203</u>	ED.
<u>SB 1206</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 1215</u>	E.S. & T.M.
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<u>SB 1217</u>	B. & P.

<u>SB 1223</u>	L. & E.
<u>SB 1226</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>SB 1228</u>	HEALTH
<u>SB 1228</u>	PUB. S.
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<u>SB 1248</u>	INS.
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<u>SB 1261</u>	P.E.,R., & S.S.
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<u>SB 1263</u>	E.S. & T.M.
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<u>SB 1421</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 1422</u>	E.S. & T.M.
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<u>SB 1424</u>	JUD.
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<u>SB 1487</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1508</u>	REV. & TAX.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 6, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 238

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Coauthor: Senator Dodd)

May 9, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 238—Relative to Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 238, as amended, Kalra. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim and acknowledge the month of June 2018 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California and would reiterate the importance of annually recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 ~~WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse is a serious and~~
2 ~~growing crisis in California; and~~
3 ~~WHEREAS, Not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases~~
4 ~~of abuse or exploitation of elder or dependent adults; and~~
5 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, 10,000 people a day
6 are turning 65 years of age; and
7 WHEREAS, One in 10 Americans 60 years of age and older
8 experiences abuse each year; and
9 WHEREAS, One in every eight individuals over 65 years of
10 age is living with Alzheimer's disease, and nearly one in two

1 people with dementia experiences some form of ~~abuse by others;~~
2 *abuse*; and

3 WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adults may be impacted by
4 ~~any of a constellation of~~ physical, mental, pharmaceutical, or
5 ~~medical influences, any one of which could render them unable~~
6 ~~to protect themselves or self-advocate, to report to authorities when~~
7 ~~abuse occurs, or to testify against perpetrators;~~ *influences*; and

8 WHEREAS, A 2009 National Institute of Justice study found
9 that 11 percent of elders reported experiencing at least one form
10 of mistreatment, including emotional, physical, or sexual
11 mistreatment or neglect, in the past year; and

12 WHEREAS, Subtle indicators that abuse may be occurring
13 include bruises or pressure marks, unexplained withdrawal from
14 normal activities, a change in alertness, unusual depression, sudden
15 changes in financial situations, strained or tense relationships, or
16 frequent arguments; and

17 WHEREAS, Recognizing these signs is the first step toward the
18 prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse; and

19 ~~WHEREAS, The growing rate of elder and dependent adult~~
20 ~~abuse exacts a heavy toll on public resources as elder financial~~
21 ~~abuse victims often become nursing home residents who are~~
22 ~~dependent upon the Medi-Cal program or the social services~~
23 ~~system;~~ and

24 WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse victims have a
25 mortality rate three times that of the general public and are 300
26 percent more likely to suffer from a premature death; and

27 WHEREAS, Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14
28 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse is reported, including
29 fewer than one in 25 incidents of financial ~~abuse, because the~~
30 ~~victims are ashamed, hopeless, intimidated, or afraid of the~~
31 ~~perpetrator;~~ *abuse*; and

32 WHEREAS, Elders and dependent adults have the right to live
33 safely in the least restrictive environment, whether in their homes
34 or health care facilities, and to enjoy an optimum quality of life
35 while being protected from all forms of injustice; and

36 WHEREAS, Private citizens and public agencies must work to
37 combat crime and violence against elders and dependent adults,
38 particularly in the face of continued funding reductions in vital
39 services; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to the ubiquitous nature of elder abuse, June
2 15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness
3 Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and
4 dependent adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the
5 cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues ~~behind the~~ *that*
6 *may contribute to the* growing incidence of elder and dependent
7 adult abuse around the globe; and

8 WHEREAS, All Californians are strongly encouraged to report
9 suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult by calling their
10 local adult protective services agency, or Long-Term Care
11 Ombudsman, law enforcement, or emergency services agencies;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims and
15 acknowledges the month of June 2018 as Elder and Dependent
16 Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California and reiterates the
17 importance of annually recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult
18 Abuse Awareness Month in the state; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That California's recognition of elder and dependent
20 adult abuse in June is consistent with the World Elder Abuse
21 Awareness Day of June 15; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 238 (Kalra) – As Amended June 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of June 2018 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) One in 10 Americans 60 years of age and older experience abuse each year. One in every eight individuals over 65 years of age is living with Alzheimer’s disease and nearly one in two people with dementia experiences some form of abuse by others.
- 2) Elder and dependent adults may be affected by physical, mental, pharmaceutical, or medical influences.
- 3) Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse is reported, including fewer than one in 25 incidents of financial abuse.
- 4) Elders and dependent adults have the right to live safely in the least restrictive environment, whether in their homes or health care facilities, and to enjoy an optimum quality of life while being protected from injustice. Private citizens and public agencies must work to combat crime and violence against elders and dependent adults.
- 5) Due to the nature of elder abuse, June 15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and dependent adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues that growing incidence of elder and dependent adult abuse around the globe.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 6, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 91

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty

March 20, 2018

House Resolution No. 91—Relative to World Refugee Day.

1 WHEREAS, World Refugee Day, June 20, 2018, is a global
2 day to honor the courage, strength, and determination of the
3 women, men, and children who are forced to flee their homes under
4 the threats of conflict, violence, and persecution; and

5 WHEREAS, There are nearly 65,300,000 displaced people
6 worldwide, the highest levels ever recorded, including almost
7 21,300,000 refugees, 40,800,000 internally displaced people, and
8 3,200,000 people seeking asylum; and

9 WHEREAS, Children account for 51 percent of the refugee
10 population in the world, millions of whom are unable to access
11 basic services including education; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the start of the Syrian conflict, nearly
13 4,800,000 refugees have fled Syria and more than 6,600,000 people
14 have become internally displaced; and

15 WHEREAS, Since January 2014, more than 3,300,000 Iraqis
16 fleeing violence have been internally displaced, and 277,000
17 refugees have fled to neighboring countries; and

18 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,325,000 people within Ukraine
19 are displaced and approximately 800,000 Ukrainians are seeking
20 protection in other countries as a result of a worsening humanitarian
21 situation in areas not controlled by the government; and

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1 WHEREAS, Since April 2015, sporadic outbursts of violence
2 in Burundi have prompted more than 265,000 Burundians to flee
3 to the neighboring countries of Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and
4 the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

5 WHEREAS, Violent insurgent attacks in Nigeria have forced
6 167,000 people to flee to the neighboring countries of Cameroon,
7 Chad, and Niger, and have internally displaced nearly 1,500,000
8 people; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 95,000 women, men, and children,
10 including many persecuted Rohingya refugees from Burma, have
11 departed on smugglers' boats from the Bay of Bengal since 2014,
12 more than 1,000 of whom have died at sea; and

13 WHEREAS, As of June 2015, more than 100,000 refugees and
14 migrants have crossed the Mediterranean Sea from North Africa.
15 At least 1,800 women, men, and children have died during such
16 crossings or are missing; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 6,000,000 Colombians are internally
18 displaced; and

19 WHEREAS, Nearly 700,000 South Sudanese are refugees in
20 neighboring countries; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 465,000 people from the Central African
22 Republic are refugees; and

23 WHEREAS, Refugees who are women and girls are often at a
24 greater risk of sexual violence and exploitation, forced or early
25 marriage, human trafficking, and other forms of gender-based
26 violence; and

27 WHEREAS, The United States provides critical resources and
28 support to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
29 (UNHCR) and other international and nongovernmental
30 organizations working with refugees around the world; and

31 WHEREAS, Since 1975, the United States has welcomed more
32 than 3,000,000 refugees who have resettled in communities across
33 the country; and

34 WHEREAS, Since the enactment of the United States Refugee
35 Act of 1980, the State of California has greatly benefited from
36 being a national leader in welcoming refugees from all faiths and
37 regions of the world; and

38 WHEREAS, From October 2015 to September 2016, 7,900
39 refugees have settled in California, most of them residing in the
40 Counties of Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego; and

1 WHEREAS, California maintains a proud history of diversity
2 and inclusion by resettling refugees from countries around the
3 world, including: Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Austria,
4 Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
5 Burma, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic,
6 Chad, China, Columbia, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba,
7 Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea,
8 Estonia, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Haiti, Hungary, India,
9 Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea,
10 Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Malaysia,
11 Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, North Korea,
12 Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland,
13 Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South
14 Africa, former Soviet Union, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan,
15 Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda,
16 Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, and Zimbabwe; and

17 WHEREAS, The well-established refugee communities in the
18 State of California have significantly strengthened the worldwide
19 economic position of California and contributed to advancing the
20 state as the ~~sixth~~ *fifth* largest economy on earth; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
23 *Assembly does all of the following:*

24 (1) Reaffirms the bipartisan commitment of the United States
25 to promote the safety, health, and well-being of the millions of
26 refugees and displaced persons who flee war, persecution, and
27 torture in search of peace, hope, and freedom in the state.

28 (2) Calls upon the federal government to do both of the
29 following:

30 (A) Continue its international leadership role in response to
31 those who have been displaced, including the most vulnerable
32 populations who endure sexual violence, human trafficking, forced
33 conscription, genocide, and exploitation.

34 (B) Find political solutions to existing conflicts and prevent
35 new conflicts from beginning.

36 (3) Commends those who have risked their lives working
37 individually and for the countless nongovernmental organizations
38 and international agencies, such as the UNHCR, that have provided
39 life-saving assistance and helped protect those displaced by conflict
40 around the world.

1 (4) Iterates the strong bipartisan commitment of the United
2 States and the State of California to protect and assist millions of
3 refugees and other forcibly uprooted persons worldwide.

4 (5) Declares June 20, 2018, as World Refugee Day; and be it
5 further

6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from
8 California in the Congress of the United States and to the author
9 for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 91 (McCarty) – As Amended June 6, 2018

SUBJECT: World Refugee Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 20, 2018, as World Refugee Day to honor the courage, strength, and determination of the women, men, and children who are displaced from their homes. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There are nearly 65,300,000 displaced people worldwide, the highest levels ever recorded, including almost 21,300,000 refugees, 40,800,000 internally displaced people, and 3,200,000 people seeking asylum.
- 2) Children account for 51 percent of the refugee population in the world, millions of whom are unable to access basic services including education.
- 3) Refugees who are women and girls are often at a greater risk of sexual violence and exploitation, forced or early marriage, human trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence.
- 4) The United States provides critical resources and support to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other international and nongovernmental organizations working with refugees around the world.
- 5) Since 1975, the United States has welcomed more than 3,000,000 refugees who have resettled in communities across the country. Since the enactment of the United States Refugee Act of 1980, the State of California has greatly benefited from being a national leader in welcoming refugees from all faiths and regions of the world.
- 6) From October 2015 to September 2016, 7,900 refugees have settled in California, most of them residing in the Counties of Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego. These well-established refugee communities have significantly strengthened the worldwide economic position of California and contributed to advancing the state as the 5th largest economy on earth

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

International Rescue Committee
Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
World Relief, Sacramento

Opposition

None on file

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May 31, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3016
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Re: HR 91 (World Refugee Day) — SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

It is with pride that the International Rescue Committee (IRC) extends our support for HR 91, which declares June 20, 2018 as World Refugee Day. HR 91 affirms that the United States and California maintains its bipartisan commitment to promote safety, health, and well-being of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who flee war, persecution, and torture in search of peace, hope and freedom.

There are nearly 65,300,000 displaced people worldwide, the highest levels ever recorded, including almost 21,300,000 refugees, 40,800,000 internally displaced people, and 3,200,000 people seeking asylum. Children account for 51 percent of the refugee population in the world and refugees who are women and girls, are often at a greater risk of sexual violence and exploitation, forced or early marriage, human trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence. Of the over 21 million refugees today, less than one percent will ever be resettled.

The United States provides critical resources to international and nongovernmental organizations working with refugees around the world and since the enactment of the United States Refugee Act of 1980, the State of California has greatly benefited from being a national leader in welcoming refugees from all faiths and regions of the world. California maintains a proud history of diversity and inclusion by resettling refugees from around the world. The well-established refugee communities in California have significantly strengthened the worldwide economic positioning of the state and contributed to advancing California as the sixth largest economy in the world. These advantages are most clearly acknowledged in the supportive legislation that has been filed in the last two years.

For decades the IRC has operated offices throughout California, providing assistance to thousands of refugees fleeing a range of civil conflict and political oppression. The welcoming cities of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Jose, Turlock, Oakland, and Sacramento have offered these new Americans the security and support to rebuild their lives. Resilient refugees have eagerly become active members of their communities- working and starting small businesses; renting and then purchasing homes; returning to school to complete their degrees while encouraging their own children toward success. California has benefitted from their success financially and culturally, weaving new traditions into the fabric of what it means to be a Californian.



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This proposed resolution affirms for the record the position of California as a leading supporter of refugees and the resettlement process. The International Rescue Committee is pleased to support HR 91.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Donna Duvin in cursive.

Donna Duvin
Executive Director, IRC San Diego

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Karen Ferguson
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Martin Zogg,
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June 4, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: HR 91 (World Refugee Day) — SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Ken Cooley:

On behalf of **Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services**, I write to express our strong support for HR 91, which declares June 20, 2018 as World Refugee Day. HR 91 affirms that the United States and California maintains its bipartisan commitment to promote safety, health, and well-being of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who flee war, persecution, and torture in search of peace, hope and freedom.

As one of Sacramento's five resettlement agencies, serving some of our most vulnerable newcomer populations, we are honored to be partnering with the other resettlement agencies in welcoming our new neighbors. Sacramento is the number one county in the entire United States receiving refugees and special immigrant visa holders, totaling close to 5,400 arrivals Oct 1, 2016-Sept 30, 2017. SFBFS is the smallest of the five agencies locally, but proud to have welcomed and served 208 individuals during this time and hoping to serve 180 more from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. SFBFS has also seen a huge increase in newcomer populations utilizing our programs and services and we are excited to being a strong partner in helping new families navigate resources and continue to make Sacramento a welcoming and diverse city that celebrates all. There are nearly 65,300,000 displaced people worldwide, the highest levels ever recorded, including almost 21,300,000 refugees, 40,800,000 internally displaced people, and 3,200,000 people seeking asylum. Children account for 51 percent of the refugee population in the world and refugees who are women and girls, are often at a greater risk of sexual violence and exploitation, forced or early marriage, human trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence.

The United States provides critical resources to international and nongovernmental organizations working with refugees around the world and since the enactment of the United States Refugee Act of 1980, the State of California has greatly benefited from being a national leader in welcoming refugees from all faiths and regions of the world. California maintains a proud history of diversity and inclusion by resettling refugees from around the world. The well-established refugee communities in California have significantly strengthened the worldwide economic positioning of the state and contributed to advancing California as the sixth largest economy in the world.

For the reasons stated above **Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services** supports HR 91. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at glevy@sacramentofoodbank.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Levy, Director of Family Services, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

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May 31, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: HR 91 (World Refugee Day) — SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

On behalf of World Relief and the Sacramento Field Office, I write to express our strong support for HR 91, which declares June 20, 2018 as World Refugee Day. HR 91 affirms that the United States and California maintains its bipartisan commitment to promote safety, health, and well-being of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who flee war, persecution, and torture in search of peace, hope and freedom.

We are part of the greater World Relief organization, promoting its mission to stand with the vulnerable and partner with local churches and the community at large to end the cycle of suffering, transform lives and build sustainable communities. World Relief Sacramento facilitates the resettlement of refugees, as well as providing immigration and employment services. Since 1989, the Sacramento Field office and its partners have welcomed over 30,000 refugees from Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, the Former Soviet Union, Myanmar, and more.

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For the reasons stated above, World Relief Sacramento supports HR 91 and California's legacy of welcoming new refugee neighbors. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at kham@wr.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kham", is written over a horizontal line.

cc: Members of the Assembly Rules Committee

Introduced by Senator Fuller

(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Dodd, Gaines, Glazer, Roth, and Wilk)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Choi, Lackey, Mathis, and Mayes)

May 14, 2018

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to National Military Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 144, as introduced, Fuller. National Military Appreciation Month.

This measure would honor the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation’s military, and would recognize the month of May 2018 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month began with
2 a simple idea—to gather America around its military family to
3 honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and
4 have served all while knowing its history; and

5 WHEREAS, The first federal legislation for National Military
6 Appreciation Month (S.Res. 33) began in 1999 with the support
7 and sponsorship of Senator John McCain of Arizona and
8 Representative Duncan Hunter of San Diego, California, along
9 with over 50 veteran service organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, The purpose of this important resolution is to let
11 our service members know that those they protect dedicate an
12 entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism
13 and their families’ dedication; and

1 WHEREAS, This special recognition provides an opportunity
2 to acknowledge both the history of the Armed Forces of the United
3 States and the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It
4 allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical
5 impact of our military, through the participation of the community
6 with those who serve, encouraging patriotism and love for America;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, This very important month honors, remembers,
9 recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel; those men and
10 women who have served throughout our history, all who now serve
11 in uniform, and their families, as well as those Americans who
12 have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy
13 today; and

14 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month recognizes
15 those on active duty in all branches of the service, the National
16 Guard and Reserves, retirees, veterans, and all of their
17 families—well over 90 million Americans. Let us celebrate them
18 just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this
19 wonderful country of ours; and

20 WHEREAS, Our military continues to play a major role in the
21 development of our country, as chronicled through a history of
22 unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The role of the United States as a world leader
25 requires a military force that is well trained, well equipped, and
26 appropriately sized; and

27 WHEREAS, This month is necessary to remind us of the
28 sacrifices of the men and women who have answered the call to
29 serve and the history we, as Americans, have been privileged to
30 participate in throughout more than 238 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Our military represents the highest caliber of
32 professionalism, patriotism, and technology, and service members
33 willingly risk their lives on a moment's notice; and

34 WHEREAS, Through appropriate means, federal, state, and
35 local governments, and private sector entities are invited to
36 participate in this special month and to encourage everyone to
37 sponsor and participate in programs via multiple venues, giving
38 the nation a time and place upon which to focus, draw attention,
39 and express our appreciation and thanks to our military family;
40 and

1 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, May 2018,
2 includes Loyalty Day on May 1, VE Day on May 8, Military
3 Spouse Appreciation Day on May 11, Armed Forces Day on May
4 19, and Memorial Day on May 28; and

5 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the
6 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective
7 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for
8 service members and their families; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature honors those men and
11 women who have served and are serving in our nation's military,
12 and recognizes the month of May 2018 as National Military
13 Appreciation Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 144 (Fuller) – As Introduced May 14, 2018

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: National Military Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of May 2018 as National Military Appreciation Month and honors the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation's military. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) National Military Appreciation Month began with a simple idea – to gather America around its military family to honor, remember, recognize, and appreciate those who serve and have served all while knowing its history.
- 2) The first legislation for National Military Appreciation Month, S.Res 33, began in 1999 with the support of Senator John McCain and Representative Duncan Hunter, along with over 50 veteran's service organizations. The purpose of this important resolution is to let our service members know that those they protect dedicate an entire month to hone, remember, and appreciate their patriotism and their families' dedication.
- 3) This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history, all who now serve in uniform, and their families, as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of all the freedoms we all enjoy today.
- 4) Our military continues to play a major role in the development of our country, as chronicled through a history of unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country; and, consists of the highest caliber of professionalism, patriotism, and technology, and service members willingly risk their lives on a moment's notice.
- 5) The observance of events recognizing the contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for service members and their families.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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