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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/23/2021
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/24/2021

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 92</u>	RLS.
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<u>SCR 41</u>	RLS.

House Resolution

No. 55

Introduced by Assembly Member Boerner Horvath

June 21, 2021

House Resolution No. 55—Relative to the 4th of July.

1 WHEREAS, July 4, 2021, and July 4, 2022, marks the 245th
2 and 246th anniversaries of the signing of the Declaration of
3 Independence, and by the adoption of that document — formally
4 entitled, “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States
5 of America” — the nation we today know as the United States of
6 America officially came into being, an occasion forever
7 memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln in the words of his
8 Gettysburg Address as when “... our fathers brought forth upon
9 this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to
10 the proposition that all men are created equal”; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 7, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
12 at a location today known as Independence Hall, Virginia delegate
13 Richard Henry Lee brought the following resolution before the
14 Second Continental Congress of the United Colonies: “Resolved,
15 That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and
16 independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to
17 the British Crown, and that all political connection between them
18 and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved
19”; and

20 WHEREAS, On June 8, 1776, Lee’s resolution was referred to
21 a committee of the whole of the Continental Congress, at which
22 time they spent most of that day, as well as June 10, debating
23 independence; and

1 WHEREAS, On June 11, 1776, a “Committee of Five” — with
2 Thomas Jefferson of Virginia being picked unanimously as its first
3 member, and also including John Adams of Massachusetts,
4 Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New
5 York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut — was charged with
6 drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the
7 Continental Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the “Committee of Five” assigned
9 Jefferson the task of producing a draft declaration, and on June
10 28, 1776, he produced a draft that, with minor changes by the
11 committee members, was forwarded to the Congress for its further
12 consideration; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress
14 adopted the Lee resolution upon the affirmative vote of 12 of the
15 13 colonial delegations, an occasion that delegate and future
16 President John Adams detailed to his wife Abigail in a letter written
17 July 3, 1776, as follows: “Yesterday the greatest Question was
18 decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater perhaps,
19 never was or will be decided among Men”; and

20 WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, after further debate and changes
21 to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the
22 Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of
23 America, to which John Hancock that day affixed his signature,
24 with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies — now states
25 of the newly created nation — signing the declaration within the
26 next several weeks; and

27 WHEREAS, July 4 is a day unlike any other — in the history
28 of the United States of America, and indeed, the world — in that
29 not only is it the day that an infant nation formally defied the most
30 powerful empire on earth in a quest for freedom, liberty, and
31 independence, but even more importantly because on that day this
32 new nation declared as a “self-evident truth” — known and
33 knowable to all persons at all times in all places throughout the
34 world — the radical notion that “all men are created equal ...
35 endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that
36 among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”; and

37 WHEREAS, Since its adoption and bold pronouncement more
38 than two centuries ago, the Declaration of Independence and the
39 principles which animate that timeless document have inspired
40 literally billions of persons around the world to pursue freedom in

1 their own nation, for themselves and their own loved ones, and for
2 their fellow men and women, and remain today an imperfectly
3 unrealized goal to which all Americans and all who cherish liberty
4 must rededicate themselves, just as the drafters and signers of the
5 Declaration of Independence did by declaring: “with a firm reliance
6 on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge[d] to
7 each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”; and

8 WHEREAS, On each July Fourth, it is both proper and fitting
9 that the institutions of California government, and indeed all
10 Californians, express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness to those
11 individuals who have served in the Armed Forces of the United
12 States, and in particular to those who have suffered the injuries of
13 battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting
14 freedom and liberty around the world, recalling the words of
15 President Abraham Lincoln that, as a result of their profound
16 sacrifice, “... this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of
17 freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for
18 the people, shall not perish from the earth”; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
20 Assembly of the State of California does — and intends to each
21 4th of July — take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate July
22 4, 2021, and July 4, 2022, and the 245th and 246th anniversaries
23 of the birth of our great nation and the signing of the Declaration
24 of Independence that this day represents; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Assembly of the State of California calls
26 upon all the people of the great State of California, and the United
27 States of America, to take the opportunity of each 4th of July
28 holiday to obtain a greater knowledge and understanding of the
29 facts and circumstances that compelled the 13 original colonies to
30 declare their independence, and of the timeless principles of liberty,
31 equality, and self-determination that rest at the heart of the
32 Declaration of Independence; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Assembly of the State of California, on behalf
34 of a grateful citizenry, hereby expresses its heartfelt thanks,
35 appreciation, and prayers to all who have served — and who
36 currently serve — in the Armed Forces of the United States, in
37 recognition of the countless sacrifices and the indispensable role
38 these brave individuals have played even before the founding of
39 our nation on July 4, 1776, in preserving, protecting, and defending

1 the freedoms and liberties of all Americans, and expanding freedom
2 throughout the world; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall make
4 available suitable copies of this resolution for distribution by
5 Members of the Assembly of the State of California.

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 55 (Boerner Horvath) – As Introduced June 21, 2021

SUBJECT: the 4th of July.

SUMMARY: Recognizes and celebrates July 4, 2021, and July 4, 2022, and the 245th and 246th anniversaries of the birth of our nation and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) July 4, 2021, and July 4, 2022, marks the 245th and 246th anniversaries of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption of that document formally titled, “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America”, the nation we today know as the United States of America officially came into being, an occasion forever memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln in the words of his Gettysburg Address as when “...our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”
- 2) On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee brought forth a resolution, which resolved that the colonies should be “free and independent states...and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is, and ought to be, totally dissolved...” After several days of debate, a "Committee of Five", which included Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, was charged with drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the Continental Congress.
- 3) On July 4, 1776, after further debate and changes to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of America; and, John Hancock that day affixed his signature, with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies – now states of the newly created nation – signing the declaration within the next several weeks.
- 4) Since its adoption and bold pronouncement more than two centuries ago, the Declaration of Independence has inspired literally billions of persons around the world to pursue freedom in their own nation, for themselves and their loved ones. Americans must rededicate themselves just as the drafters and signers of the Declaration of Independence did more than two centuries ago.
- 5) On this and every July 4th, it is both proper and fitting that the institutions of California government, and all Californians express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness to those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and in particular, to those who have suffered the injuries of battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom and liberty around the world.

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 Archuleta

March 11, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to National Military Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 23, as introduced, Archuleta. National Military Appreciation Month.

This measure would honor the service members who have served and are serving in our nation’s military, and would recognize the month of May 2021 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, Throughout our country’s history, generations of
6 service members have answered the call to leave their families,
7 their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to
8 valiantly defend our nation and its inalienable rights; and

9 WHEREAS, For many service members, that sacrifice has ended
10 in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the
11 continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The first federal legislation for National Military
14 Appreciation Month (S. Res. 33) began in 1999 with the support
15 and sponsorship of Senator John McCain of Arizona and

1 Representative Duncan Hunter of San Diego, California, along
2 with over 50 veteran service organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, The purpose of this important resolution is to let
4 our service members know that those they protect dedicate an
5 entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism
6 and their families' dedication; and

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

14 WHEREAS, This very important month honors, remembers,
15 recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel, the service
16 members who have served throughout our history, all who now
17 serve in uniform, and their families, and those Americans who
18 have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy
19 today; and

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

26 WHEREAS, California boasts more than 30 major defense
27 installations, incorporating all military services, more than double
28 any other state, and California's diverse network of training ranges
29 are a national treasure that cannot be replicated or replaced; and

30 WHEREAS, Each California military base, accounting for over
31 128,373 active-duty personnel stationed in the state, has unique,
32 important military value, and is making critical contributions to
33 national security for today and the future; and

34 WHEREAS, Over 18,751 Californians serve in the Air and
35 Army National Guard and 37,416 Californians serve in United
36 States Army Reserve, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United
37 States Air Force Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, and United
38 States Coast Guard Reserve; and

39 WHEREAS, California offers the best combination of
40 technology, industry, and academia in support of military needs

1 and critical contributions for national security, for today and the
2 future, including the Naval Postgraduate School and seven of the
3 top 25 research universities in California; and

4 WHEREAS, America’s best-trained and most-experienced
5 aerospace and technology workforce lives and works in California
6 and is committed to staying and supporting military requirements;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, California possesses a unique combination of
9 irreplaceable assets of weather, climate, terrain, and available space
10 on land, sea, and in the air, and hosts the people, buildings, and
11 equipment to use those assets full time. California’s unique value
12 lies in the interconnectedness and close proximity of its large
13 unencroached military desert lands and nearby mountainous terrain,
14 the largest restricted airspace in the continental United States, and
15 extensive deepwater operating areas off its coast; and

16 WHEREAS, Our military continues to play a major role in the
17 development of our country, as chronicled through a history of
18 unbending honor, dedication to duty, and genuine love of country;
19 and

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

23 WHEREAS, This month is necessary to remind us of the
24 sacrifices of the service members who have answered the call to
25 serve and the history we, as Americans, have been privileged to
26 participate in throughout more than 245 years; and

27 WHEREAS, Our military represents the highest caliber of
28 professionalism, patriotism, and technology, and service members
29 willingly risk their lives on a moment’s notice; and

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

37 WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, May 2021,
38 includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military
39 Spouse Appreciation Day on May 7, Armed Forces Day on May
40 15, and Memorial Day on May 31; and

1 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the
2 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective
3 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for
4 service members and their families; now, therefore, be it
5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors those service
7 members who have served and are serving in our nation’s military,
8 and recognizes the month of May 2021 as National Military
9 Appreciation Month; and be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 23 (Archuleta) – As Introduced March 11, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Military Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of May 2021 as National Military Appreciation Month and honors those service members 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 federal legislation for National Military Appreciation Month (S. Res. 33) began in 1999. The purpose of this important resolution is to let our service members know that those they protect dedicate an entire month to honor, remember, and appreciate their patriotism and their families' dedication.
- 3) This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes, and appreciates all military personnel, the service members who have served throughout our history, all who now serve in uniform, and their families, and those Americans who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy today.
- 4) California boasts more than 30 major defense installations, incorporating all military services, more than double any other state, and California's diverse network of training ranges are a national treasure that cannot be replicated or replaced.
- 5) Over 18,751 Californians serve in the Air and Army National Guard and 37,416 Californians serve in United States Army Reserve, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, and United States Coast Guard Reserve.
- 6) National Military Appreciation Month, May 2021, includes Loyalty Day on May 1, V-E Day on May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 7, Armed Forces Day on May 15, and Memorial Day on May 31.
- 7) 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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Introduced by Senator Hurtado

March 18, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to adult education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 25, as introduced, Hurtado. Adult Education Week.

This bill would proclaim the week of April 18, 2021, to April 24, 2021, inclusive, as Adult Education Week, and would honor the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The week of April 18, 2021, to April 24, 2021,
- 2 inclusive, is observed as “Adult Education Week,” recognizing
- 3 the unique accomplishments of California adult schools; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Legislature acknowledges that adult schools
- 5 that are provided by K–12 school districts offer quality programs
- 6 to meet the ever-changing economic and workforce development
- 7 and lifelong learning needs of our diverse state; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in
- 9 California was held in the basement of St. Mary’s Cathedral in
- 10 San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San
- 11 Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian,
- 12 and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer
- 13 teacher for the class, later became a Superintendent of Public
- 14 Instruction; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Most students served through adult education deal
- 16 with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most
- 17 negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social,

1 and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of
2 COVID-19; and

3 WHEREAS, Historically, adult schools have been called on to
4 assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and
5 economic issues, such as providing job training programs during
6 World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently,
7 the Great Recession; and

8 WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest
9 challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the
10 state and the nation in 2008–09. Funding previously reserved for
11 adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in
12 the state, causing many adult schools to close or decrease in size;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, There are currently 600,000 adult learners enrolled
15 in English as a second language classes at adult schools across
16 California who are in the age range to have children in our public
17 school system. The impact of adult education is felt across
18 generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have
19 been characterized as a priority by the Governor and the
20 Legislature; and

21 WHEREAS, Adult schools, which work in collaboration with
22 community colleges, community centers, and libraries, are a
23 primary community resource for the teaching and instruction of
24 adult literacy; and

25 WHEREAS, Adult schools provide a way for adults to complete
26 secondary-education studies and obtain a high school diploma or
27 its equivalent at their own pace, and to prepare for and transition
28 to postsecondary education and career training; and

29 WHEREAS, Adult schools provide critical opportunities to
30 bring recent school dropouts back to school; and

31 WHEREAS, Adult schools provide instruction to those in the
32 state who need English as a second language and citizenship
33 courses, and play a key role in immigrant integration and the path
34 to United States citizenship, which is important for our diverse
35 community during this time of immigration reform; and

36 WHEREAS, Adult schools, which recognize that we must focus
37 on educating parents in order to break the cycle of illiteracy and
38 to support educational equity for all our children, provide programs
39 in family literacy at elementary schools in conjunction with
40 community-based organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, Adult schools provide short-term career and
2 technical training for adults seeking changes or enhancements in
3 their career pathways; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2015, the Legislature and Governor Edmund
5 G. Brown Jr. saved California adult schools from the brink of
6 closure by establishing the Adult Education Block Grant Program
7 that helped to restore access and programming for adult learners
8 with planning and collaboration on a regional scale; and

9 WHEREAS, Adult schools in California are diverse places of
10 learning that seek to support all students regardless of ethnicity,
11 race, faith, and orientation, where students are safe from
12 discrimination and bullying; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
15 April 18, 2021, to April 24, 2021, inclusive, as Adult Education
16 Week, and that teachers, administrators, classified staff, and
17 students of adult education programs statewide be honored for
18 their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 25 (Hurtado) – As Introduced March 18, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Adult Education Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 18, 2021, to April 24, 2021, inclusive, as Adult Education Week, and honors the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 2) Historically, adult schools have been called on to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues, such as providing job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently, the Great Recession.
- 3) Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-09. Funding previously reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, causing many adult schools to close or decrease in size.
- 4) Most students served through adult education deal with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social, and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of COVID-19.
- 5) There are currently 600,000 adult learners enrolled in English as a second language classes at adult schools across California who are in the age range to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority by the Governor and the Legislature.
- 6) Adult schools provide a way for adults to complete secondary-education studies and obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent at their own pace, and to prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and career training. And, adult schools provide critical opportunities to bring recent school dropouts back to school.
- 7) Adult schools in California are diverse places of learning that seek to support all students regardless of ethnicity, race, faith, and orientation, where students are safe from discrimination and bullying.
- 8) The week of April 18, 2021, to April 24, 2021, inclusive, is observed as "Adult Education Week," recognizing the unique accomplishments of California adult schools.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California EDGE Coalition

Opposition

None on file

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

April 19, 2021

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3070
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 25 Adult Education Week – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hurtado,

The [CA EDGE Coalition](#) is a statewide advocacy organization that unites business, labor, social justice, education, and workforce organizations with a mission to build a broadly shared prosperity by advancing state workforce policies and investments to create economic mobility for all Californians. On behalf of the coalition, we write in support of SCR 25 Adult Education Week, which honors the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments.

Adult education programs are a critical component of California's workforce, as they offer free to low-cost classes to all adults 18 or older and provide education and training to obtain the necessary skills to participate in today's labor market. Adult education programs partner with California Community Colleges (CCC), libraries, community-based organizations, and adult schools operated by local education agencies (LEAs), offering various programs, including basic skills courses, high school diplomas/certification, English as a second language (ESL) programs, career technical education and apprenticeship programs.

Now more than ever, it is crucial to support funding for adult education and workforce training programs that create pathways to quality jobs and that respond to high-demand sectors of the economy.

For these reasons, EDGE supports SCR 25 Adult Education Week.

For questions, please contact Anna Alvarado, Policy Director, at aalvarado@caedge.org.

Sincerely,



Zima Creason
Executive Director



Anna Alvarado
Policy Director

**Introduced by Senators Wiener, Allen, Becker, Glazer, Hertzberg,
Newman, Rubio, and Stern**

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bloom,
Friedman, Gabriel, Levine, Medina, Nazarian, Blanca Rubio, and
Ward)

March 24, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 29, as introduced, Wiener. California Holocaust Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim April 8, 2021, as California Holocaust
Memorial Day, and would urge all Californians to observe this day of
remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed, and more than 70 years have
3 passed since the tragic events now referred to as the Holocaust
4 transpired, in which the dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered
5 6,000,000 Jews as part of a systematic program of genocide known
6 as “The Final Solution to the Jewish Question”; and

7 WHEREAS, While Jewish people were the primary victims of
8 the Holocaust, they were not alone, as 5,000,000 other people were
9 murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a carefully
10 orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and
11 political annihilation under the Nazi regime; and

12 WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting to recognize the heroism
13 of those who resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the

1 victims of the Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers
2 who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those
3 who were suffering; and

4 WHEREAS, By teaching children and future generations about
5 the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust,
6 those actions may serve as a powerful example of how the nation
7 and its people can diligently respond to acts of hatred and
8 inhumanity; and

9 WHEREAS, By reminding each other about the horrible events
10 of the Holocaust, people may remain vigilant against antisemitism,
11 racism, hatred, persecution, and tyranny of all forms to ensure that
12 these atrocities will never be repeated; and

13 WHEREAS, While public displays of antisemitism and
14 antisemitic incidents have increased dramatically in California and
15 around the world in recent years, the people of California may
16 actively rededicate themselves to the principles of equality, human
17 rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of
18 a just and democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
20 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
21 Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom
22 Hashoah, and encourages each person in California to set aside
23 moments of their time every year to give remembrance to those
24 who lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

25 WHEREAS, In the words of Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
26 and nationally recognized scholar, a memorial unresponsive to the
27 future would violate the memory of the past; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 8, 2021,
30 as California Holocaust Memorial Day, and encourages all
31 Californians to observe this day of remembrance for victims of
32 the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit sufficient
34 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 29 (Wiener) – As Introduced March 24, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: California Holocaust Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 8, 2021, as California Holocaust Memorial Day, and urges all Californians to observe this day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 70 years have passed since the tragic events now referred to as the Holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews and five million other people were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under the Nazi regime.
- 2) It is appropriate and fitting to recognize the heroism of those who resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those who were suffering.
- 3) By teaching children and future generations about the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust, those actions may serve as a powerful example of how the nation and its people can diligently respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 4) By reminding each other about the horrible events of the Holocaust, people may remain vigilant against antisemitism, racism, hatred, persecution, and tyranny of all forms to ensure that these atrocities will never be repeated.
- 5) While public displays of antisemitism and antisemitic incidents have increased dramatically in California and around the world in recent years, the people of California may actively rededicate themselves to the principles of equality, human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society.

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 Newman

April 5, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to Arab American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 31, as introduced, Newman. Arab American Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2021 as Arab American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California proudly boasts the largest
2 population of Arab Americans in the country, with a population
3 of approximately 800,000 Californians of Arab heritage and
4 descent; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Arab Americans have
6 been making valuable contributions to almost every aspect of
7 American society, including medicine, law, business, technology,
8 government, and culture; and

9 WHEREAS, Since migrating to the United States, men and
10 women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions
11 with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as
12 model citizens and public servants; and

13 WHEREAS, Arab migrants to the United States brought with
14 them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication
15 to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added
16 strength to our great democracy; and

1 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society
2 by embracing the American spirit of opportunity that makes our
3 nation free and prosperous; and

4 WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in American life
5 often remains neglected or defaced by misunderstanding, bigotry,
6 and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

7 WHEREAS, Issues currently affecting Arab Americans, such
8 as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and
9 bullying, must be combated by education and awareness; and

10 WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire
11 to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is
12 treated equally and feels safe; and

13 WHEREAS, The immense contributions and heritage of Arab
14 Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring,* That California celebrates the countless
18 contributions that Arab Americans have made to American society
19 and the State of California, and that the Legislature therefore hereby
20 proclaims the month of April 2021 to be Arab American Heritage
21 Month in California and encourages all residents of this state to
22 join in this special observance; and be it further

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

O

Date of Hearing: June 21, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 31 (Newman) – As Introduced April 5, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Arab American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2021 to be Arab American Heritage Month in California and encourages all residents of this state to join in this special observance. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California proudly boasts the largest population of Arab Americans in the country, with a population of approximately 800,000 Californians of Arab heritage and descent.
- 2) For more than a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to almost every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, technology, government, and culture.
- 3) Arab migrants to the United States brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy.
- 4) Arab Americans have also enriched our society by embracing the American spirit of opportunity that makes our nation free and prosperous.
- 5) Issues currently affecting Arab Americans, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and bullying, must be combated by education and awareness.
- 6) Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.
- 7) The immense contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

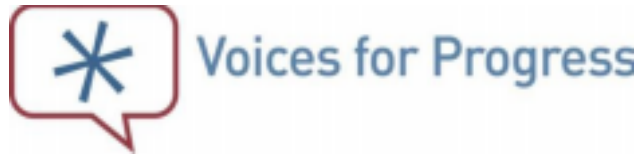
Support

Voices for Progress

Opposition

None on file

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



June 21, 2021

The Honorable Ken Cooley
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SCR 31 (Newman) - Arab American History Month

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

Voices for Progress proudly supports SCR 31 (Newman), which would recognize the month of April as Arab American Heritage Month and thanks you for authoring this important measure.

Voices for Progress galvanizes the advocacy of business leaders, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and other prominent individuals who unite to champion a healthy climate and environment, strengthen our democracy, and ensure economic and social justice for all.

Historically, California has been a popular destination for immigrants from the Middle East, creating strong cultural fusions between the two regions. California boasts the largest population of Arab Americans in the country, with approximately 800,000 Californians of Arab descent. Large communities of Arab Americans reside in areas like Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and San Francisco.

In the period of mass migration (1800-1924), more than 20 million immigrants came to the United States, with approximately 95,000 of them from the Greater Syria region, known as today's present day Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine. Arab American immigrants brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith that have strengthened our democracy.

For well over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, technology, government, and culture.

Despite that impressive legacy, the history and current experience of Arab Americans in American life has often been misunderstood and misrepresented.

Members of the Arab American communities in this state and throughout the nation have been subject to civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and bullying. We saw an uptick in this behavior following our former president's "Muslim Ban." This kind of bigotry is fundamentally un-American and must not be tolerated.

We are pleased to see new federal leadership and a cultural movement that is welcoming communities alienated under the previous administration back into U.S. society. As an example, for the first time ever, the U.S. State Department designated the month of April as Arab American Heritage Month.

SCR 31 is part of that broader effort toward creating awareness of Arab American contributions and reaffirming that our state's diversity is an asset greater than our weather, beaches or mountains.

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Voices for Progress is a Project of Tides Advocacy. Voices for Progress Education Fund is a project of Tides Center.

For all the reasons stated, we support the California State Legislature proclaiming the month of April to as Arab American Heritage Month, when the achievements and contributions of Arab American individuals be recognized.

Sincerely,



Evan Minton

California State Policy & Programmatic Manager

CC:

Senate Rules Committee

Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins

Senator Patricia Bates

Senator Shannon Grove

Senator Sydney Kamlager

Senator John Laird

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 29, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 33

Introduced by Senator Archuleta
(Coauthor: Senator Cortese)

April 8, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 33, as amended, Archuleta. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 10 to May 16, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week and request that the Governor issue a proclamation to observe the week with appropriate understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, As many as 32,000,000 Americans have food
2 allergies and nearly 6,000,000 are children under the age of 18;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of food
5 allergies is increasing among children and adults; and
6 WHEREAS, Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy
7 reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts,
8 peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; and
9 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range
10 from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
11 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is
12 rapid in onset and may cause death; and

1 WHEREAS, Food allergies result in more than 200,000
2 emergency room visits in the United States each year. Reactions
3 typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food
4 containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
5 WHEREAS, The number of food allergy reactions requiring
6 emergency treatment is up sharply over the past ~~decade~~, *decade*
7 with a 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of
8 anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016; and
9 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) is
10 a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality
11 of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and in
12 providing them hope through the promise of new treatments; now,
13 therefore, be it
14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 10, 2021,
16 to May 16, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week and
17 requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the
18 people of the great State of California to observe the week with
19 appropriate understanding and awareness of food allergies and
20 anaphylaxis; and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 33 (Archuleta) – As Amended April 29, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Food Allergy Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 10 to May 16, 2021, inclusive, as Food Allergy Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) As many as 32,000,000 Americans have food allergies and nearly 6,000,000 are children under the age of 18. And, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults.
- 2) Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame.
- 3) Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death.
- 4) Food allergies result in more than 200,000 emergency room visits in the United States each year. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic.
- 5) The number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade with a 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016.

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 Allen

April 26, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 40, as introduced, Allen. Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

This measure would declare that the Legislature joins Californians throughout the state in celebration of 2021 Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month and would recognize the significant role of artists as “Second Responders” in our state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, April is Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in the
- 2 Golden State; and
- 3 WHEREAS, During the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has
- 4 been devastating to residents and businesses in our state, our nation,
- 5 and countries around the world; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Pre-pandemic, California’s arts, culture, and
- 7 creative industries totaled \$230 billion; represented over 8% of
- 8 the gross state product, placing the arts ahead of the construction
- 9 and transportation industries; employed over 750,000 workers;
- 10 and played a key role in support of, and as a part of, the state’s
- 11 tourism industry; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The arts has been among the hardest hit sectors
- 13 during the pandemic, with 59% of creative workers unemployed
- 14 by COVID-19, and 69% of creative businesses, including
- 15 nonprofits, severely impacted and suffering an estimated \$43.1
- 16 billion in revenue in 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, The creative community always finds ways to lift
2 us up during our most difficult times; even while facing devastating
3 impacts to their own livelihoods and well-being; and
4 WHEREAS, While we acknowledge and honor the heroic role
5 of our health care workers and first responders during the
6 COVID-19 pandemic, we also appreciate the ways in which the
7 creative community stepped in as second responders to provide
8 solace to our first responders who have suffered stress and trauma
9 that are often not recognized or supported; and
10 WHEREAS, The pandemic has further highlighted the role of
11 artists as essential workers, including the power of the arts to bring
12 us together through isolation and to support community mental
13 health and well-being, both during crisis, and as we emerge from
14 trauma;
15 WHEREAS, State support for the arts, arts education, cultural
16 institutions, and creative venues is crucial for our state to fully
17 recover economically and to provide equitable access to the arts
18 in all communities; and culture and creativity will be essential to
19 bringing about social cohesion, furthering mental health support
20 and wellness, job creation, and opportunities for our youth; now,
21 therefore, be it
22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins Californians
24 throughout the state in celebration of 2021 Arts, Culture, and
25 Creativity Month, and, further, recognizes the significant role of
26 artists as “Second Responders” in our state; and be it 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: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 40 (Allen) – As Introduced April 26, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

SUMMARY: Celebrates April 2021 as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month, and recognizes the significant role of artists as “Second Responders” in our state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) April is Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in the Golden State.
- 2) Pre-pandemic, California’s arts, culture, and creative industries totaled \$230 billion; represented over 8% of the gross state product, placing the arts ahead of the construction and transportation industries; employed over 750,000 workers; and played a key role in support of, and as a part of, the state’s tourism industry.
- 3) During the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to residents and businesses in our state, our nation, and countries around the world.
- 4) The arts has been among the hardest hit sectors during the pandemic, with 59% of creative workers unemployed by COVID-19, and 69% of creative businesses, including nonprofits, severely impacted and suffering an estimated \$43.1 billion loss in revenue in 2020.
- 5) The creative community always finds ways to lift us up during our most difficult times; even while facing devastating impacts to their own livelihoods and well-being.
- 6) The pandemic has further highlighted the role of artists as essential workers, including the power of the arts to bring us together through isolation and to support community mental health and well-being, both during crisis, and as we emerge from trauma.
- 7) Culture and creativity will be essential to bringing about social cohesion, furthering mental health support and wellness, job creation, and opportunities for our youth

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 McGuire
(Coauthor: Senator Limón)**

May 12, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to California Grown Flower Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 48, as introduced, McGuire. California Grown Flower Month.

This measure would proclaim June 2021 as California Grown Flower Month to recognize and honor the people who comprise the California grown flower industry for their dedication, productivity, and economic value to the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s flower industry dates back to the late
2 1870s, when Theodosia B. Shepherd was inspired to sell calla lilies
3 grown in her garden; and
4 WHEREAS, In 1890, the Domoto family established California’s
5 first commercial flower farm in Oakland; and
6 WHEREAS, The business of selling flowers began to flourish
7 and by the turn of the century most towns had at least one florist;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, California has a year-round climate that is perfect
10 for growing hundreds of varieties of flowers; and
11 WHEREAS, California flowers are grown from the County of
12 San Diego, to the Inland Empire, to the Central Coast, and to the
13 Oregon border; and

1 WHEREAS, California is the largest producing state of fresh
2 cut flowers in the country, representing approximately 75 percent
3 of all cut flowers grown in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, California is the leading producer of lilies, irises,
5 gerbera daisies, tulips, orchids, and cut foliage; and

6 WHEREAS, Much of the production of lilies, irises, and tulips
7 is in the County of Humboldt, which is known for its ideal growing
8 conditions, and is also where the legendary Stargazer lily was
9 originally bred; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 50 percent of all California grown
11 flowers are distributed to wholesale and retail customers in other
12 states; and

13 WHEREAS, The economic activity of California flower farmers,
14 wholesalers, retail florists, and grocery stores create nearly 150,000
15 jobs in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, The total annual economic impact of business
17 activity created by California-grown flowers exceed \$12 billion;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The economic activities of California grown
20 flowers generate nearly \$1 billion annually in local and state taxes;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize
23 California grown flowers in providing such a bounty to our state
24 and the nation; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes and honors
27 the people who comprise the California grown flower industry for
28 their dedication, productivity, and economic value to the state and
29 hereby proclaims the month of June 2021 as California Grown
30 Flower Month; and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
32 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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35 **CORRECTIONS:**

36 **Heading—Line 2.**

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 48 (McGuire) – As Introduced May 12, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: California Grown Flower Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 2021 as California Grown Flower Month to recognize and honor the people who comprise the California grown flower industry for their dedication, productivity, and economic value to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's flower industry dates back to the late 1870s, when Theodosia B. Shepherd was inspired to sell calla lilies grown in her garden.
- 2) In 1890, the Domoto family established California's first commercial flower farm in Oakland. The business of selling flowers began to flourish and by the turn of the century most towns had at least one florist.
- 3) California has a year-round climate that is perfect for growing hundreds of varieties of flowers. California flowers are grown from the County of San Diego, to the Inland Empire, to the Central Coast, and to the Oregon border.
- 4) California is the largest producing state of fresh cut flowers in the country, representing approximately 75 percent of all cut flowers grown in the United States. California is the leading producer of lilies, irises, gerbera daisies, tulips, orchids, and cut foliage.
- 5) Approximately 50 percent of all California grown flowers are distributed to wholesale and retail customers in other states. The economic activity of California flower farmers, wholesalers, retail florists, and grocery stores create nearly 150,000 jobs in the state.
- 6) The total annual economic impact of business activity created by California-grown flowers exceed \$12 billion. The economic activities of California grown flowers generate nearly \$1 billion annually in local and state taxes.

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 Ochoa Bogh

(Coauthors: Senators Archuleta, Borgeas, Caballero, Dahle, Dodd, Grove, Hertzberg, Jones, Limón, and Newman)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Chen, Cooley, Cunningham, Gallagher, Kalra, Lackey, Levine, Mathis, Nguyen, Seyarto, and Villapudua)

June 2, 2021

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50—Relative to Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 50, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and Sunday, June 20, 2021, as The Longest Day, and would urge all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2021 has been declared
- 2 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to help educate the public
- 3 on this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to
- 4 combat its human and economic costs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 20, 2021, has been
- 6 declared The Longest Day, with people around the world coming
- 7 together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people
- 8 facing Alzheimer’s disease with a day of activity and advocacy;
- 9 and

1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive
2 neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of
3 their memories and leads to cognitive decline resulting in
4 functional, emotional, and behavioral impairment; and

5 WHEREAS, California has 690,000 residents living with
6 Alzheimer’s disease, more than any other state in the nation, and
7 the state’s population of residents living with Alzheimer’s disease
8 is projected to grow by 21.7 percent in the next five years,
9 impacting 840,000 individuals by 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, Californians with dementia visit emergency
11 departments nearly 1,000,000 times per year and are readmitted
12 to the hospital one out of five times after discharge; and

13 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is always fatal, and it is the
14 third leading cause of death in California today; and

15 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a family disease impacting
16 1,120,000 California spouses, partners, children, siblings,
17 grandchildren, and other relatives who provide unpaid assistance
18 to a loved one; and

19 WHEREAS, California caregivers devote 884,000,000 hours
20 of unpaid assistance to family members, valued at over
21 \$18,126,000,000 in nongovernment financial support; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor
23 Surveillance System survey found that 27.1 percent of people with
24 memory problems in California live alone; and

25 WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, and women are
26 disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and have
27 higher prevalence rates than the general population; and

28 WHEREAS, According to data from the federal Centers for
29 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African Americans have
30 the highest prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and related
31 dementias at 13.8 percent, followed by Hispanics at 12.2 percent,
32 and women are nearly two times more likely to be affected by
33 Alzheimer’s disease than men; and

34 WHEREAS, Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist,
35 resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the
36 disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by
37 a clinician and documented in their medical record; and

38 WHEREAS, On average, a person with Alzheimer’s disease
39 lives 4 to 8 years after diagnosis, but may live as long as 20 years,
40 depending on other factors; and

1 WHEREAS, Age is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer’s
2 disease, which has no known cause, cure, or prevention; and

3 WHEREAS, Californians invest in Alzheimer’s research through
4 the voluntary tax check-off fund and have raised more than
5 \$25,000,000 since its inception for research into treatments to slow
6 the progression of, or cure, the disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and
8 their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to
9 meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer’s
10 disease and related dementias; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes June 2021 as
13 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and Sunday, June 20,
14 2021, as The Longest Day, and urges all Californians to
15 commemorate the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer’s and Brain
16 Awareness Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 24, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 50 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced June 2, 2021

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Sunday, June 20, 2021, as The Longest Day; and, urges all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to cognitive decline resulting in functional, emotional, and behavioral impairment.
- 2) The month of June 2021 has been declared Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help educate the public on this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to combat its human and economic costs.
- 3) The summer solstice, June 20, 2021, has been declared The Longest Day, with people around the world coming together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity and advocacy.
- 4) California has 690,000 residents living with Alzheimer's disease, more than any other state in the nation, and the state's population of residents living with Alzheimer's disease is projected to grow by 21.7 percent in the next five years, impacting 840,000 individuals by 2025.
- 5) Alzheimer's disease is always fatal, and it is the third leading cause of death in California today. Alzheimer's disease is a family disease impacting 1,120,000 California spouses, partners, children, siblings, grandchildren, and other relatives who provide unpaid assistance to a loved one.
- 6) Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist, resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by a clinician and documented in their medical record.
- 7) On average, a person with Alzheimer's disease lives 4 to 8 years after diagnosis, but may live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors.
- 8) Individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

ISSUE:

Should a 5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) be provided to Assembly salaried employees effective July 1, 2021?

BACKGROUND:

Assembly employees received a 6% COLA in July 2019. The Consumer Price Index inflation rate is 5% since July 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve