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Thursday, March 11, 2021
8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 4202

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/10/2021
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the following bills have been added to the list of referrals: AB 34, AB 41, AB 443, AB 446, AB 497, AB 519, AB 537, AB 649, AB 780, AB 890, AB 957, AB 991, AB 1122, AB 1153, AB 1175, AB 1245, AB 1271, AB 1320, AB 1348, AB 1394, AB 1540, AB 1548, AB 1551, AB 1581, and ACR 43. The referral recommendation for AB 1475 and AB 1542 has changed.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/11/2021

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

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 4, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Villapudua

February 8, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to ~~Military, Veteran, and~~ Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 23, as amended, Villapudua. ~~Military, Veteran, and~~ Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

This measure would promote awareness of the problem of suicide facing the men and women within California’s ~~military, veteran, and~~ construction industry populations by proclaiming March 18, 2021, as ~~Military, Veteran, and~~ Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Suicide is a serious and tragic public health
2 problem that is growing in the United States that can be prevented
3 through increased awareness, resources, and proper treatment; and
4 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that
5 our ~~military, veteran, and~~ construction industry ~~personnel~~
6 *personnel, many of whom are also veterans seeking an opportunity*
7 *to leverage their military construction skills*, in California and the
8 nation die by suicide at much higher rates than other populations;
9 and
10 ~~WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of~~
11 ~~Defense, the military services reported the following for all of~~

1 ~~2016: 275 deaths by suicide for active military members; 203~~
2 ~~deaths by suicide for military reserve members; and 123 deaths~~
3 ~~by suicide for members of the National Guard; and~~

4 WHEREAS, According to a recent study by the federal Centers
5 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the suicide rate among
6 working-age males, notably those between 16 and 64 years of age,
7 increased 34 percent during the 2000 to 2016, inclusive, timeframe,
8 and that the occupational group with the highest male suicide rate
9 is construction and extraction; and

10 WHEREAS, *The CDC recommends fostering social connections*
11 *and economic supports, thereby improving access to appropriate*
12 *mental health and other resources and services, and encouraging*
13 *at-risk individuals to seek mental health treatment, if necessary,*
14 *without the stigma that sometimes goes along with it, to possibly*
15 *decrease the number of suicides; and*

16 WHEREAS, *The construction industry continues to seek better*
17 *information about the root causes of the industry's too high suicide*
18 *rates; and*

19 WHEREAS, This resolution endeavors to promote awareness
20 of the problem of suicide and the particular epidemic facing the
21 men and women within California's ~~military, veteran, and~~
22 construction industry populations and encourages our communities
23 and the people of the State of California to work together to
24 continue to educate the public on how to recognize the warning
25 signs and improve the outreach to, and treatment of, these
26 individuals at risk for suicide; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
29 18, 2021, as ~~Military, Veteran, and~~ Construction Industry Suicide
30 Prevention Awareness Day in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 11, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 23 (Villapudua) – As Amended March 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 18, 2021, as Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in California to promote awareness of the problem of suicide facing California's construction industry populations. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Suicide is a serious and tragic public health problem that is growing in the United States that can be prevented through increased awareness, resources, and proper treatment.
- 2) Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that our construction industry personnel, many of whom are also veterans seeking an opportunity to leverage their military construction skills, in California and the nation die by suicide at much higher rates than other populations.
- 3) According to a recent study by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the suicide rate among working-age males, notably those between 16 and 64 years of age, increased 34 percent during the 2000 to 2016, inclusive, timeframe, and that the occupational group with the highest male suicide rate is construction and extraction.
- 4) The CDC recommends fostering social connections and economic supports, thereby improving access to appropriate mental health and other resources and services, and encouraging at-risk individuals to seek mental health treatment, if necessary, without the stigma that sometimes goes along with it, to possibly decrease the number of suicides.
- 5) The construction industry continues to seek better information about the root causes of the industry's too high suicide rates.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Members Mullin and O'Donnell

March 9, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to Irish American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 43, as introduced, Mullin. Irish American Heritage Month.

This measure would, among other things, designate March 2021 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to the country and state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The democratic expression of the people of
2 Ireland's will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an
3 independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the
4 freedom they have today; and

5 WHEREAS, The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of
6 Ireland's expression of self-determination in the 1918 general
7 election; and

8 WHEREAS, On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the
9 unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known
10 as the First Dáil Éireann, met in Dublin's Mansion House to declare
11 Ireland to be an independent nation and to establish its alternative
12 parliament; and

13 WHEREAS, The First Dáil produced a Declaration of
14 Independence and a Message to the Free Nations of the World;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, The United States recognized and established
2 diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924; and

3 WHEREAS, Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship
4 due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United
5 States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising
6 future for themselves and their families; and

7 WHEREAS, The journey to America from the Emerald Isle was
8 not paved with gold. The Irish spirit of determination, perseverance,
9 and grit prevailed against dangerous seas and deadly conditions
10 with their hearts set on the horizon; and

11 WHEREAS, Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and
12 discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years
13 went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their
14 communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of
15 American society and culture; and

16 WHEREAS, Irish Americans played vital roles in the
17 development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were
18 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 22 Presidents of
19 the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F.
20 Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama; and

21 WHEREAS, Many people of Irish descent have contributed to
22 great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
23 role in the world, including Mother Jones, labor activist; Lucy
24 Burns, activist in the Women's Suffrage Movement; and Senator
25 George J. Mitchell, negotiator of the Belfast Agreement; and

26 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have also played a major role in
27 California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors,
28 and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build
29 California into the state that it is today; and

30 WHEREAS, Irish Americans were significantly involved in the
31 development of infrastructure throughout the United States,
32 especially in the State of California. This included work on
33 railroads and bridges that connected the west to the east. The Irish
34 were also instrumental in the building of dams, roads, canals, and
35 buildings that expanded greatly in the late 1800s; and

36 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have made their mark as
37 peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives
38 on countless occasions in carrying out their duties; and

39 WHEREAS, Many outstanding soldiers, never to be forgotten,
40 who fought for American freedom in the Revolutionary War were

1 of Irish descent. Irish Americans have proudly served with
2 distinction in every war that this nation has fought and continue
3 to do so today; and

4 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have contributed greatly to
5 the United States economy in business, including: Alexander
6 Turney Stewart, the inventor of the American department store;
7 Cathleen Black, president of Hearst Publishing; Jack Welch, former
8 president and chief executive officer of General Electric; Herb
9 Kelleher, cofounder of Southwest Airlines; Paul Adams of
10 Facebook; John Donahoe, chief executive officer of eBay, Inc.;
11 Conrad Burke, founder of Innovalight, Inc.; and Maggie Sullivan
12 Wilderotter, chief executive officer of Frontier Communications;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the field of
15 science, including: astronaut Michael Collins; the first female
16 commander of a space shuttle, Eileen Collins; physicist and Nobel
17 Laureate Charles H. Townes; and bioengineer and MacArthur
18 “Genius Grant” recipient James Collins; and

19 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the American
20 literary tradition through great authors, including Flannery
21 O’Connor, Eugene O’Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Mary McCarthy,
22 Tom Clancy, and Frank McCourt; and

23 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to American
24 entertainment with such stars as actors Jack Nicholson, John
25 Wayne, and George Clooney; actor and comedian Bill Murray;
26 actress Grace Kelly; actress and comedian Rosie O’Donnell; actor
27 and singer Bing Crosby; actress and singer Rosemary Clooney;
28 actress and singer Judy Garland; comedian Conan O’Brien; and
29 actor and director Edward Burns, all being of Irish heritage; and

30 WHEREAS, Today, over 35,000,000 Americans claim Irish
31 heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics, economy,
32 and of the United States and California; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of the multitude
35 of contributions that Irish Americans have made to make this a
36 better country and state for all people, designates March 2021 to
37 be Irish American Heritage Month in California, and calls upon
38 the people of the state to observe the month of March with
39 appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities, especially on

ACR 43

— 4 —

- 1 March 17, since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day; and be it
- 2 further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 11, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 43 (Mullin) – As Introduced March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Irish American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Designates March 2021 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to the country and state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The democratic expression of the people of Ireland's will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the freedom they have today.
- 2) The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of Ireland's expression of self-determination in the 1918 general election. On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known as the First Dáil Éireann, met in Dublin's Mansion House to declare Ireland to be an independent nation and to establish its alternative parliament.
- 3) The United States recognized and established diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924. Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising future for themselves and their families.
- 4) Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of American society and culture.
- 5) Irish Americans have also played a major role in California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors, and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build California into the state that it is today.
- 6) Irish Americans were significantly involved in the development of infrastructure throughout the United States, especially in the State of California, including work on railroads and bridges.
- 7) Many Irish Americans have made their mark as peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives on countless occasions in carrying out their duties.
- 8) Today, over 35 million Americans claim Irish heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics and economy of the United States and California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 8, 2021

House Resolution No. 20—Relative to Nowrūz.

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz (pronounced no-rooz) originated in ancient
2 Persia more than 3,000 years ago and marks the traditional Persian
3 New Year beginning on the vernal equinox and celebrates the
4 arrival of spring; and

5 WHEREAS, Nowrūz is a combination of two Persian words:
6 the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day.
7 Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new
8 year for many Persian and Central Asian communities all over the
9 world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical
10 Northward equinox, which occurs on March 20 or the following
11 day where it is observed; and

12 WHEREAS, The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to
13 springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between
14 generations, families, and communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Nowrūz’s most notable festivities include the
16 creation of the Haft-Sin table, which is an arrangement of seven
17 symbolic items starting with “S” in Persian. This table often
18 includes sumac (crushed spice or berries), senjed (sweet dry fruit
19 of lotus trees), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples), which each
20 represent various hopes for the new year, including health, wealth,
21 and prosperity. Additionally, a wisdom book is often included in
22 the form of a Koran or Bible. These festivities last over 13 days
23 and begin on the eve of the first Wednesday of the year; and

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz is rooted in Zoroastrianism, which is an
2 ancient Persian religion that predates both Christianity and Islam
3 and originated in Iran around 1000 B.C. It is also a secular holiday
4 that is enjoyed by people of various faiths around the world and
5 is surrounded by many rituals and celebrations that have taken on
6 various interpretations. During Nowrūz, people wear new clothes,
7 visit family, reconnect with community members, forgive past
8 wrongs, and exchange gifts as a sign of peace and friendship; and

9 WHEREAS, While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed
10 principally in Iran, the traditions of Nowrūz are strong among
11 people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan,
12 India, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, and the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the National Organization for Civil
14 Registration, the United States has the highest number of Iranians
15 outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over one-half
16 residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in the greater
17 Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred to as
18 “Tehrangeles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Council designated the
20 intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Wilkins Avenue in west
21 Los Angeles as “Persian Square” to commemorate the first Persian
22 business to open in the City of Los Angeles; and

23 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed
24 International Nowrūz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several
25 countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global
26 Nowrūz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the
27 many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to
28 the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country.
29 After thousands of years in the making, Nowrūz remains beloved,
30 universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
33 Assembly joins the Persians and other communities throughout
34 the state in celebrating Saturday, March 20, 2021, as the beginning
35 of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful
36 and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 11, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

HR 20 (Nazarian) – As Introduced February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Nowrūz.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 20, 2021, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowrūz is a combination of two Persian words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Persian and Central Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical Northward equinox, which occurs on March 20 or the following day where it is observed.
- 2) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities.
- 3) Nowrūz’s most notable festivities include the creation of the Haft-Sin table, which is an arrangement of seven symbolic items starting with “S” in Persian. This table often includes sumac (crushed spice or berries), senjed (sweet dry fruit of lotus trees), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples), which each represent various hopes for the new year, including health, wealth, and prosperity. Additionally, a wisdom book is often included in the form of a Koran or Bible. These festivities last over 13 days and begin on the eve of the first Wednesday of the year.
- 4) While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed principally in Iran, the traditions of Nowrūz are strong among people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, and the United States.
- 5) According to the National Organization for Civil Registration, the United States has the highest number of Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over one-half residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in the greater Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred to as “Tehrangles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans.
- 6) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Nowrūz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowrūz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the making, Nowrūz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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House Resolution

No. 27

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chen, Cooley, Lackey, Mathis,
Seyarto, Villapudua, Voepel, and Waldron)**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Archuleta, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Melendez,
and Nielsen)**

March 4, 2021

House Resolution No. 27—Relative to Women’s Military History Week.

1 WHEREAS, Women have served bravely in every major United
2 States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their
3 courage and service have gone largely unrecognized. Our current
4 servicewomen would be unable to serve without the precedence,
5 persistence, determination, and unyielding resilience of the
6 incredible strides of women of previous generations; and
7 WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have
8 served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1,400,000
9 women currently serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
10 Women have served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots,
11 field artillery officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs
12 officers, and even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force; and
13 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, women disguised as men
14 fought on both sides. Women also served as spies and medical
15 personnel. Three of the most famous women were Dr. Mary
16 Walker, a physician and the only woman ever awarded the
17 Congressional Medal of Honor; Clara Barton, who served at the
18 siege of Petersburg and founded the American Red Cross; and

1 Harriet Tubman, who was a volunteer nurse, spy, and scout for
2 the Union Army; and

3 WHEREAS, Cathay Williams was the first and only documented
4 African American woman to enlist in the United States Army as
5 a Buffalo Soldier in 1866, and Carmen Contreras-Bozak was the
6 first Latina to serve in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in
7 1942; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester became the first woman
9 in the United States Army to earn a Silver Star for combat valor
10 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, after leading her soldiers on a
11 counterattack of Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF) who were ambushing a
12 convoy with heavy AK-47 assault rifle fire, RPK machine gun
13 fire, and rocket-propelled grenades. Sergeant Hester maneuvered
14 her team through the kill zone into a flanking position where she
15 assaulted a trench line with grenades and M203 rounds. Her actions
16 saved the lives of numerous convoy members; and

17 WHEREAS, Over 400 women have been killed in combat since
18 World War I and over 90 women have been identified as prisoners
19 of war since World War II; and

20 WHEREAS, January 24, 2021, marks the eighth anniversary of
21 the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule
22 that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including
23 artillery, armor, and infantry; and

24 WHEREAS, Former United States Secretary of Defense Ashton
25 Carter directed the full integration of women into all military
26 branches in 2015; and

27 WHEREAS, Even with the full integration of women into all
28 branches of the military, a woman's ability to serve in combat
29 continued to be impeded by the "Leader's First" policy, which
30 maintained that, in certain cases, enlisted women must wait to
31 enter combat until two or more "women leaders" are assigned to
32 those units; and

33 WHEREAS, The military's first female four-star general, United
34 States Army General Ann E. Dunwoody, cracked the military's
35 "brass ceiling" in 2008, when she was awarded her fourth star and
36 named commander of the United States Army Materiel Command,
37 the unit that equips, outfits, and arms United States soldiers; and

38 WHEREAS, While approximately 16 percent of the total military
39 force is made up of women, six have held the rank of General,
40 exemplifying the payoff for hard work that comes to people who

1 do their best work in each and every role they take on, regardless
2 of gender; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades of conflict, women have
4 served with valor in combat zones, often under fire, but had been
5 prevented from officially holding combat positions under the 1994
6 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which
7 barred women from assignment to units below brigade level if the
8 unit's primary mission was direct ground combat; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat
10 Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those
11 in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor
12 awards, including the Silver Star, the Army's third-highest valor
13 award; and

14 WHEREAS, It is recognized that women have always been
15 capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994
16 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Since the ban was lifted, women are now training
19 for, and serving in, infantry, armor, and short-range field artillery
20 units and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger Tabs
21 continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now
22 eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces (SOF); and

23 WHEREAS, As with the opening of combat aviation, long-range
24 field artillery, surface, and submarine warfare in earlier periods,
25 full integration into all ground combat units and into the more
26 senior ranks is a decades-long process—a process that is now
27 underway, but impeded by these two policies; and

28 WHEREAS, The Women In Military Service For America
29 Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National
30 Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women
31 who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism
32 and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now
33 recognized; and

34 WHEREAS, Our military exists to serve and protect all people
35 in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and
36 to fight for our freedom; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
38 Assembly hereby recognizes "Women Warriors" by proclaiming
39 the week of March 15 to March 21, 2021, inclusive, as Women's
40 Military History Week in California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Assembly encourages Californians to
- 2 recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to our military
- 3 and our freedom, the courageous sacrifices that women have made
- 4 while serving our country, and the historic lifting of the ban on
- 5 women in combat on January 24, 2013; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 11, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 27 (Nguyen) – As Introduced March 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Women’s Military History Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 15 to March 21, 2021, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California; and, encourages Californians to recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to our military and our freedom, and the courageous sacrifices that women have made while serving our country. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women have served bravely in every major United States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their courage and service have gone largely unrecognized.
- 2) Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1.4 million women currently serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. Women have served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force.
- 3) January 24, 2021, marks the eighth anniversary of the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including artillery, armor, and infantry.
- 4) Even with the full integration of women into all branches of the military, a woman’s ability to serve in combat continued to be impeded by the “Leader’s First” policy, which maintained that, in certain cases, enlisted women must wait to enter combat until two or more “women leaders” are assigned to those units.
- 5) It is recognized that women have always been capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving. Since the ban was lifted, women are now training for, and serving in, infantry, armor, and short-range field artillery units and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger Tabs continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces.
- 6) More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor award.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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