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Thursday, March 30, 2017
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/29/2017
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendations for AB 1080 and AB 1659 have been changed.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/30/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 72</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 358</u>	J., E.D. & E.
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<u>AB 473</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 480</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 514</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 560</u>	E.S. & T.M.
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<u>AB 600</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 633</u>	TRANS.
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<u>AB 682</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 745</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 746</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 746</u>	ED.
<u>AB 750</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 751</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 788</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1059</u>	JUD.
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<u>AB 1182</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1182</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1192</u>	PUB. S.
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<u>AB 1269</u>	H. & C.D.
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<u>AB 1278</u>	B. & P.
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<u>AB 1281</u>	W.,P. & W.
<u>AB 1283</u>	L. & E.

<u>AB 1292</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1293</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1300</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 1305</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 1308</u>	PUB. S.
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<u>AB 1328</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1329</u>	ED.
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<u>AB 1359</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 1360</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1361</u>	V.A.
<u>AB 1364</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1368</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1372</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1376</u>	L. & E.
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<u>AB 1386</u>	HEALTH
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<u>AB 1395</u>	TRANS.
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<u>AB 1682</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1683</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1684</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1716</u>	J., E.D. & E.
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BUDGET

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

03/30/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 542

TRANSPORTATION

AB 296

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 34

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

March 14, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 34, as introduced, Baker. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious
2 threats to our nation’s children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2013, according to the University of California
4 at Berkeley, Center for Social Services Research, approximately
5 84,000 children in California were found to be victims of abuse
6 or neglect; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2012, according to the State Department of
8 Public Health, 85 children in California died as a result of child
9 abuse and neglect; and

10 WHEREAS, Children who have been abused or neglected have
11 a higher risk of developing various health problems as adults,
12 including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders,
13 obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases; and

1 WHEREAS, California's children deserve to grow up in a safe
2 and nurturing environment free from fear, abuse, and neglect; and

3 WHEREAS, Statewide, child abuse and neglect cases
4 disproportionately involve children of color; and

5 WHEREAS, Prevention of child abuse and neglect depends on
6 the involvement of people throughout the community; and

7 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect have long-term economic
8 and societal costs; and

9 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
10 to families whose children may be at risk of child abuse or neglect
11 is less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage
12 that can result from child abuse and neglect; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
14 to those families can help avoid the costs of protective services,
15 law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment
16 of adults recovering from abuse as children; and

17 WHEREAS, Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is
18 physical, sexual, or emotional, or any combination of these, should
19 have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and
20 counseling or mental health services; and

21 WHEREAS, In recent years, Prevent Child Abuse America, the
22 Child Abuse Prevention Center, and other groups have organized
23 Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness of child
24 abuse and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

25 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States issues
26 a proclamation announcing April as National Child Abuse
27 Prevention Month; and

28 WHEREAS, Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness
29 of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing
30 child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening
31 communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month; now,
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge
35 the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and
36 encourages the people of the State of California to work together
37 to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their
38 communities and schools during that month and throughout the
39 year; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 30, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 34 (Baker) – As Introduced March 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our children. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 85 children in California died as a result of child abuse and neglect in 2012.
- 2) Prevention of child abuse and neglect depends on the involvement of people throughout the community. Providing community-based prevention services to families is less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage that can result from child abuse and neglect, including the costs of protective services, law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment of adults recovering from abuse as children.
- 3) California's children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment free from fear, abuse, and neglect. Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is physical, sexual, or emotional, or any combination of these, should have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and counseling or mental health services.
- 4) In recent years, child abuse prevention groups have organized Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness and promote ways to prevent child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



March 21, 2017

**TO: The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Rules**

RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34 (Baker) – AFSCME SUPPORTS

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our **support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34**, as introduced on March 14, 2017.

ACR 34 would designate the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage Californians to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools. According to the University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research, approximately 84,000 children in California were found to be victims of abuse or neglect in 2013. Children who have been abused or neglected have a higher risk of developing health issues as adults, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide and certain chronic diseases.

Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is physical, sexual or emotional, deserve to have access to a safe living space, appropriate medical care and mental health services. Providing community-based prevention services to families whose children may be at risk of child abuse or neglect can help avoid the costs of protective services, law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care and the treatment of adults recovering from abuse as children. Increasing public awareness of methods to prevent child abuse and neglect supports families and proves less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage that can result from child abuse and neglect.

Please join us in supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34.

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of future amendments.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Allison
Political and Legislative Director, California

BAA/sd

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper

(Principal coauthor: Senator Dodd)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Baker, Bigelow, Flora, Frazier,
Gonzalez Fletcher, Levine, Mathis, Quirk-Silva, Salas, Waldron,
and Wood)**

(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill, Galgiani, McGuire, Nielsen, and Stone)

March 15, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to California
Wines: Down to Earth Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 35, as introduced, Cooper. California Wines: Down to Earth
Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2017 as California
Wines: Down to Earth Month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership
of California wineries and winegrape growers throughout the month of
April.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future
- 2 of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$57.6 billion
- 3 in annual economic impact to California’s economy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Wine Institute and the California Association
- 5 of Winegrape Growers created the California Code of Sustainable
- 6 Winegrowing more than a decade ago and it has since been used
- 7 by vineyards and wineries representing nearly three-quarters of

1 California's winegrape acreage and production to self-assess
2 operations; and

3 WHEREAS, The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing,
4 now managed by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance,
5 is comprised of more than 200 best practices for vineyards and
6 wineries that benefit the environment, employees, neighbors, and
7 the production of high quality wine; and

8 WHEREAS, Wineries that produce more than half of California
9 wine are Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing, a
10 third-party certification option added in 2010 and updated in 2017;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,
13 such as Lodi Rules, Napa Green, Sustainability in Practice, along
14 with sustainability commitments by Sonoma County, Napa Valley,
15 and others, all play an important role in the California wine
16 communities' efforts to grow grapes and produce wine in a manner
17 that is environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially
18 equitable; and

19 WHEREAS, Growing participation in organic, biodynamic, and
20 sustainable certification programs further conveys California
21 vintners' and growers' adherence to high standards, desire for
22 transparency, and dedication to continuous improvement; and

23 WHEREAS, California's wine community conserves water,
24 energy, and other natural resources; protects habitat, employee
25 well-being, and air, water, and soil quality; and promotes the use
26 of natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels; and

27 WHEREAS, California wineries and winegrape growers make
28 charitable contributions of \$101.5 million annually and generously
29 contribute their time and expertise to communities and nonprofit
30 organizations; and

31 WHEREAS, California's 4,600 wineries and 5,900 winegrape
32 growers are primarily family businesses with a long-term
33 commitment to the health and vitality of their communities and to
34 preserving the land for future generations; and

35 WHEREAS, California growers' and vintners' commitment to
36 sustainability was recognized with a Governor's Environmental
37 and Economic Leadership Award, for the third time, in 2015; and

38 WHEREAS, California wineries and regional associations host
39 Down to Earth and Earth Day activities such as eco-tours,
40 winemaker dinners pairing sustainably produced wine and food,

1 and other green activities during the month of April; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
5 April 2017 as California Wines: Down to Earth Month, to celebrate
6 the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape
7 growers throughout the month of April; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 30, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 35 (Cooper) – As Introduced March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: California Wines: Down to Earth Month

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2017 as California Wines: Down to Earth Month, and celebrates the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers throughout the month of April. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$57.6 billion in annual economic impact to California's economy.
- 2) The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing, created over a decade ago, is comprised of more than 200 best practices for vineyards and wineries that benefit the environment, employees, neighbors, and the production of high quality wine.
- 3) California's 4,600 wineries and 5,900 winegrape growers are primarily family businesses with a long-term commitment to the health and vitality of their communities and to preserving the land for future generations.
- 4) California's wine community conserves water, energy, and other natural resources; protects habitat, employee well-being, and air, water, and soil quality; and promotes the use of natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels.
- 5) California growers' and vintners' commitment to sustainability was recognized with a Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, for the third time, in 2015. These wineries and regional associations will host Down to Earth and Earth Day activities such as eco-tours, winemaker dinners pairing sustainably produced wine and food, and other green activities during the month of April.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper

March 20, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 39, as introduced, Cooper. Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

This measure would recognize the week of April 2 to April 8, 2017, inclusive, as Crime Victims’ Rights Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Violent crime continues to exist in California, and
2 crime in one part of the state, or crime against one person, affects
3 our entire sense of well-being; and
4 WHEREAS, All Californians are affected by crime, not just the
5 victims of violent crime; and
6 WHEREAS, The most effective aid that can be provided to
7 victims of crime is to prevent crime from happening in the first
8 place; and
9 WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week
10 has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims; and
11 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for this week is “Strength.
12 Resilience. Justice.”; and
13 WHEREAS, 2017 is a landmark year for crime victims and
14 survivors, as well as those who serve them; and

1 WHEREAS, The respect for and protection of victims' rights
2 within the legal process is one of the most critical components of
3 an effective criminal justice system; and

4 WHEREAS, Victims and witnesses of crime require special
5 attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and
6 effectively participate in, the criminal justice system; and

7 WHEREAS, To the maximum extent allowed by law, victims
8 of violent crime should receive compensation for their losses; and

9 WHEREAS, Each day thousands of victims and witnesses
10 receive assistance from victim support organizations,
11 victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and
12 state and local governments; and

13 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system in this state must persist
14 in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services
15 provided to victims and witnesses; and

16 WHEREAS, California has been an innovator in the victims'
17 rights movement, establishing the first crime victim compensation
18 program in the nation in 1965; Women's Advocates and Haven
19 House in Pasadena established the first shelters for battered women
20 in the nation in 1976; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving was
21 founded in 1980 with the establishment of a chapter in Sacramento;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the
24 California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition
25 8, the Victims' Bill of Rights; and

26 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed and afforded
27 additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and in
28 California law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the
29 Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law; and

30 WHEREAS, Each year, the observance of National Crime
31 Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims
32 of crime and the services available to support these victims; and

33 WHEREAS, The remembrances observed during National Crime
34 Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victims' issues and
35 acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, the government,
36 and the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in
37 California; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the*

- 1 week of April 2, 2017, through April 8, 2017, inclusive, as Crime
- 2 Victims' Rights Week in California; and be it 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 30, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

ACR 39 (Cooper) – As Introduced March 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Crime Victims' Rights Week

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 2 to April 8, 2017, inclusive, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims and the services available to support these victims. This year's theme is "Strength. Resilience. Justice."
- 2) California has been an innovator in the victims' rights movement, establishing the first crime victim compensation program in the nation in 1965; Women's Advocates and Haven House in Pasadena established the first shelters for battered women in the nation in 1976; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving was founded in 1980 with the establishment of a chapter in Sacramento.
- 3) California citizens protected victims' rights in 1982 through the passage of Proposition 8, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and California citizens reaffirmed and afforded additional rights to victims in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law.
- 4) The respect and protection of victims' rights within the legal process is one of the most critical components of an effective criminal justice system; and the criminal justice system in this state must persist in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services provided to victims and witnesses.
- 5) Each day thousands of victims and witnesses receive assistance from victim support organizations, victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and state and local governments.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Crime Victims Action Alliance

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



March 27, 2017

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

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39 (COOPER)
CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
SPONSOR**

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The Crime Victims Action Alliance is pleased to sponsor Assembly Concurrent Resolution 39 (Cooper) which would declare the week of April 2nd to April 8th as Crime Victims' Rights Week in California.

Since 1981, each April National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is observed throughout the country to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. NCVRW honors and celebrates the achievements of the past thirty years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. This year's NCVRW theme is "Strength. Resilience. Justice." This year's theme recognizes that all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing..

The state of California has always been at the forefront of the victims' rights movement. In 1965, California became the first state in the nation to establish a crime victim compensation program. In 1976, the opening of Women's Advocates and Haven House in Pasadena established the first shelters for battered women in the nation, and in 1980 Mothers Against Drunk Driving was established in Sacramento. California also became the first state in the nation to enshrine the rights of victims in a state constitution when Proposition 8, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, was approved by California voters in 1982. California reaffirmed its position as a leader in protecting the rights of victims in 2008 with the passage of Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008.

The Crime Victims Action Alliance is a non-profit social welfare organization that promotes victims' rights and public safety.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office at (916) 273-3603.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Ward".

CHRISTINE WARD
Executive Director

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

March 22, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 41, as introduced, Bonta. Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day.

This measure designates April 9, 2017, and every April 9 thereafter, as Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Commencing on April 9, 1942, during World War
2 II, the Japanese Army forced 78,000 Filipino and American soldiers
3 to march 82 miles from Bataan to Camp O’Donnell; and
4 WHEREAS, These soldiers endured brutal conditions and
5 suffered heinous war crimes along the march; and
6 WHEREAS, Approximately 10,000 soldiers, both Filipino and
7 American, lost their lives during the march; and
8 WHEREAS, The Bataan Death March was the greatest loss of
9 American and Filipino prisoners of war during World War II; and
10 WHEREAS, Many survivors were forced to labor in prison
11 camps in the Philippines and Japan while prisoners of war; and
12 WHEREAS, Californians owe a debt of gratitude to the soldiers
13 who gave up their freedom and perished in service of their countries
14 to preserve our freedoms and our lives; and

1 WHEREAS, Knowledge of this historic event is passing out of
2 living memory as survivors pass away; and

3 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by American and Filipino
4 veterans during the Bataan Death March have received little state
5 recognition in California; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Government annually recognizes April
7 9th as National Former Prisoner of War Day; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares that a day be set
11 aside for appreciation of the veterans of the Bataan Death March
12 and a memoriam of the deceased; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates and
14 commemorates April 9, 2017, and each April 9th thereafter, as
15 Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day; and be it
16 further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 30, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 41 (Bonta) – As Introduced March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day

SUMMARY: Designates April 9, 2017, and every April 9 thereafter, as Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On April 9, 1942, during World War II, the Japanese Army forced 78,000 Filipino and American soldiers to march 82 miles from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell.
- 2) During this march these soldiers endured brutal conditions and suffered heinous war crimes resulting in the death of 10,000 Filipino and American soldiers.
- 3) The Bataan Death March was the greatest loss of American and Filipino prisoners of war during World War II; and, Californians owe a debt of gratitude to the soldiers who gave up their freedom and perished in service of their countries to preserve our freedoms and our lives.
- 4) Knowledge of this historic even is passing out of living memory as survivors pass away and the sacrifices made by American and Filipino veterans during the Bataan Death March have received little state recognition in California.
- 5) The federal government annually recognizes April 9th as National Former Prisoner of War Day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 386 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Request for Urgency Clause

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

Assembly Bill 386 would provide legal services to veterans that have been deported from the United States and will create a fund to continue providing legal services. I am requesting the Rules Committee's approval to include an urgency clause in AB 386, pursuant to *Joint Rule 58*.

In the event a deported military veteran is cleared of an underlying deportable offense by way of post-conviction relief, time served or a pardon, that individual would become eligible to seek reentry into the United States. Because the Department of Defense has continually failed to uphold its responsibility to guide immigrants who serve in our armed forces through the naturalization process -- a responsibility the Pentagon guarantees to prospective soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen at the time of their enlistment -- these veterans are left without the resources they are duly owed to seek citizenship or an immigration status that would prevent their deportation from the United States in the first place.

An urgency clause is necessary to provide these deported veterans with the legal services they require as soon as they become eligible to seek reentry into the United States. It's very possible that some of these heroes will become eligible several months before the typical Jan. 1 implementation date.

Last year, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California released a report highlighting the lives of 59 deported veterans and the impact of deportation in their personal lives and loved ones. A big consequence of being deported is the loss of vital VA health care benefits that provide veterans with treatments for post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries associated with their military service. These are health care services that are relatively expensive in other countries or aren't offered by foreign health care providers.

It is time to take care of the men and women that were willing to sacrifice their lives for our freedom by providing legal services that will explore options for reentry into the United States.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your approval to include an urgency clause in AB 386.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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