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Thursday, May 11, 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: 5/10/2017
Re: Consent Bill Referral

Attached is a bill referral recommendation.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/11/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

SB 243

AGRI.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 57

Introduced by Assembly Members McCarty, Nazarian, and Ting

April 17, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to 529 College Savings Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 57, as introduced, McCarty. 529 College Savings Day.

This measure would designate May 29, 2017, as 529 College Savings Day, to raise awareness about the importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college savings plans.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, 529 college savings plans are important tools for
2 California families that want to save for their children’s college
3 education, offering a diverse range of investment options,
4 tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal
5 taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher
6 education expenses such as tuition, fees, books, certain room and
7 board costs, computer equipment, and required supplies; and
8 WHEREAS, While the first college savings plans were
9 developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to
10 help families and students save for higher education expenses, it
11 was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue
12 Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to
13 rapidly gain popularity across the country; and
14 WHEREAS, Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer
15 529 college savings plans, 12.7 million 529 accounts have been

1 opened, more than \$266 billion have been saved for future higher
2 education expenses, and more than one million students nationwide
3 have withdrawn funds from 529 accounts to help pay higher
4 education expenses; and

5 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare College Savings Plan, which
6 has served as California's official state-sponsored 529 college
7 savings plan since its launch in 1999, has grown to more than \$7.03
8 billion in total plan assets held in over 282,500 ScholarShare
9 accounts; and

10 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare College Savings Plan has helped
11 students meet their higher education goals with over \$379 million
12 withdrawn in 2016 for qualified higher education expenses at over
13 946 colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, from 2006–07 through 2016–17,
15 tuition rates at the University of California, the California State
16 University, and the California Community Colleges increased 100
17 percent, 117 percent, and 130 percent, respectively, and over the
18 past 40 years, tuition rates have consistently increased at two to
19 three times the rate of inflation every year; and

20 WHEREAS, Federal financial aid awards have shifted away
21 from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans
22 so that, today, nearly 63 percent of all federal financial aid is in
23 the form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college
24 graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student
25 loan debt upon entering the workforce; and

26 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New
27 York, student loan debt has now reached \$1.4 trillion nationally,
28 which rose from \$548 billion in 2007; and

29 WHEREAS, When Americans are burdened with student loan
30 debt, they are not able to buy homes, cars, and other products that
31 boost our economy; and

32 WHEREAS, College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare
33 College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future
34 student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education
35 expenses; and

36 WHEREAS, The contributions families make today pay off in
37 the form of an increased earning potential for their children in the
38 future, with a college graduate earning an average of \$1 million
39 more than a high school graduate during his or her career according
40 to the United States Census Bureau; and

1 WHEREAS, May 29th is recognized nationally as 529 College
2 Savings Day to help raise awareness across the country of the
3 importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college
4 savings plans; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
7 hereby proclaims May 29, 2017, as 529 College Savings Day; and
8 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 57 (McCarty) – As Introduced April 17, 2017

SUBJECT: 529 College Savings Day

SUMMARY: Designates May 29, 2017, as 529 College Savings Day, to raise awareness about the importance of saving for college with the help of 529 college savings plans. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 529 college savings plans are important tools for California families that want to save for their children's college education, offering a diverse range of investment options, tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free of state and federal taxes when those withdrawals are used for qualified higher education expenses such as tuition, fees, books, certain room and board costs, and required supplies.
- 2) The ScholarShare College Savings Plan, which has served as California's official state-sponsored 529 college savings plan since its launch in 1999, has grown to more than \$7.03 billion in total plan assets held in over 282,500 ScholarShare accounts.
- 3) Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer 529 college savings plans, 12.7 million 529 accounts have been opened, more than \$266 billion have been saved for future higher education expenses, and more than one million students nationwide have withdrawn funds from 529 accounts to help pay higher education expenses.
- 4) Federal financial aid awards have shifted away from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans so that, today, nearly 63 percent of all federal financial aid is in the form of loans, substantially increasing the number of college graduates who will face the burden of repaying significant student loan debt upon entering the workforce.
- 5) According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, student loan debt has now reached \$1.4 trillion nationally, which rose from \$548 billion in 2007.
- 6) Americans burdened with student loan debt are not able to buy homes, cars, and other products that boost our economy.
- 7) College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare College Savings Plan, help families to limit or eliminate future student loan debt by helping them save for future higher education expenses.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

John Chiang, California State Treasurer

Opposition

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None on file

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



JOHN CHIANG
TREASURER
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

April 28, 2017

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

RE: Support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57

Dear Chairman Cooley:

As the Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board, I write to respectfully request your support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57 by Assemblymembers Kevin McCarty, Adrin Nazarian, and Philip Ting which establishes May 29th as 529 College Savings Day. I seek your assistance in raising awareness about the importance of saving for college and the significant role that 529 college savings plans can play in that process.

Over the past 40 years, college tuition rates have been consistently increasing at two to three times the rate of inflation each year. During this same period of time, financial aid funding in general has shifted away from student grants towards guaranteed student loans. Today, seven out of 10 college seniors graduate owing \$30,100 on average in student loan debt. When Californians are burdened with student loan debt at levels such as these, they are hindered in their ability to purchase homes, cars, and other products that help boost our economy. Yet, it is estimated that only 37% of families saving for college in the United States are using a 529 account.

ScholarShare, which serves as California's official state-sponsored 529 college savings plan, provides families with a valuable tool that offers a diverse set of low-cost investment options, tax-deferred growth, and withdrawals free from state and federal taxes when used for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition and fees, books, certain room and board costs, computer equipment, and other required supplies.

Since its launch in 1999, ScholarShare has grown to more than 282,000 accounts with over \$7.03 billion in total plan assets. More importantly, ScholarShare has helped families meet their higher education needs with more than \$379 million withdrawn by families in 2016 for qualified higher education expenses.



The Honorable Ken Cooley
April 28, 2017
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By recognizing May 29th as College Savings Day, ACR 57 will undoubtedly help more California families become aware of the importance of saving for future higher education expenses and utilizing 529 college savings plans, such as ScholarShare, to reduce the amount of money their loved ones borrow while pursuing their academic goals.

We hope that we can count on your support for ACR 57 and look forward to the opportunity to partner with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



JOHN CHIANG
California State Treasurer

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 79

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

April 26, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 79, as introduced, Salas. Blue Star Mothers of America Month.
This measure would recognize May 2017 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was
2 founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942,
3 to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States
4 Armed Forces; and
5 WHEREAS, The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonpolitical, and
6 nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the United
7 States in 1960; and
8 WHEREAS, Persons eligible for membership in the organization
9 include mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers,
10 grandmothers, or the legal guardians of a person who is serving
11 in the Armed Forces, or has served in, or has been honorably
12 discharged from, the Armed Forces; and
13 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate
14 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join
15 a Blue Star Dads’ Association; and

1 WHEREAS, The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,
2 includes providing support for active duty service personnel and
3 their families, promoting patriotism, and assisting various veteran
4 organizations, such as the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
6 Inc., is increasingly important with the hundreds of thousands of
7 United States Armed Forces men and women who have served in
8 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the global
9 war on terrorism, and with the continued deployments of the
10 California National Guard and our active duty military and its
11 reserve components; and

12 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice, and hard work of the
13 devoted members of the Blue Stars Mothers of America, Inc., merit
14 recognition; and

15 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag is the official banner authorized
16 by the Department of Defense for display by families who have
17 members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period
18 of war or armed conflict in which the nation may be engaged in
19 for the duration of such hostilities; and

20 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by
21 World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio
22 Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines and the flag
23 quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
27 May 2017 as “Blue Star Mothers of America Month” in California;
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all residents of the
30 state to take some time during the month of May 2017 to honor
31 and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers
32 of America, Inc.; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and celebrates the
34 history and contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of America,
35 Inc.; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 79 (Salas) – As Introduced April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Blue Star Mothers of America Month

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2017 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month and encourages all residents of the state to take some time during May to honor and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded as a patriotic service organization on February 2, 1942, to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States Armed Forces. The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonpolitical, and nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1960.
- 2) Persons eligible for membership in the organization include mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, or the legal guardians of a person who is serving in the Armed Forces, or has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the Armed Forces.
- 3) The work of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., includes providing support for active duty service personnel and their families, promoting patriotism, and assisting various veteran organizations, such as the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
- 4) The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., is increasingly important with the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed Forces men and women who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the global war on terrorism, and with the continued deployments of the California National Guard and our active duty military and its reserve components.
- 5) The dedication, sacrifice, and hard work of the devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit recognition.
- 6) The Blue Star Flag is the official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war or armed conflict in which the nation may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.
- 7) The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines and the flag quickly became an unofficial symbol of a child in service.

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. 82

Introduced by Assembly Members Chávez, Mathis, and Voepel

May 2, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to the Armed Forces.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 82, as introduced, Chávez. Armed Forces Day.

This measure would honor and recognize the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 20, 2017.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 in
2 connection with the consolidation of the military services in the
3 United States Department of Defense; and
4 WHEREAS, The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor the
5 men and women who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
6 Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and
7 Reserve components; and
8 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third
9 Saturday in May, which this year is May 20, 2017; and
10 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces have performed
11 tremendous service on behalf of the United States; and
12 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces have been injured
13 and killed in operations to bring peace and stability in the name
14 of democracy; and

1 WHEREAS, All Americans appreciate the sacrifices of those
2 who bravely serve our country, and acknowledge those businesses
3 and employers that accommodate those service people who are
4 called abroad to defend their nation; and

5 WHEREAS, All Americans express their recognition and
6 gratitude for members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, on the occasion of Armed
10 Forces Day 2017:

11 (1) Honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice that members
12 of the Armed Forces and their families gave, and continue to give,
13 to the United States.

14 (2) Remains committed to supporting the members of the Armed
15 Forces and their families.

16 (3) Encourages Americans to show their support and
17 appreciation for members of the Armed Forces on Armed Forces
18 Day.

19 (4) Commends the actions of private citizens and organizations
20 who volunteer to support America's wounded warriors.

21 (5) Expresses the gratitude of the American people to the
22 members of the Armed Forces for their service on behalf of the
23 United States; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 82 (Chávez) – As Introduced May 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Day

SUMMARY: Honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 20, 2017. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 in connection with the consolidation of the military services in the United States Department of Defense to honor the men and women who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserves.
- 2) Members of the Armed Forces have performed tremendous service on behalf of the United States; and, some have been injured and killed in operations to bring peace and stability in the name of democracy.
- 3) All Americans appreciate the sacrifices of those who bravely serve our country, and acknowledge those businesses and employers that accommodate those service people who are called abroad to defend their nation.
- 4) On Armed Forces Day, the Legislature remains committed to supporting the members of the Armed Forces and their families; encourages Americans to show their support and appreciation for members of the Armed Forces; commends the actions of private citizens and organizations who volunteer to support America's wounded warriors; and expresses the gratitude of the American people to the members of the Armed Forces for their service on behalf of the United States.

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. 83

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Acosta)**

May 2, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to Foster Care Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 83, as introduced, Cooley. Foster Care Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2017 as Foster Care Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are approximately 65,000 California children
2 and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe, permanent
3 connections to loving adults, a stable home, and adequate
4 preparation for a secure future; and
5 WHEREAS, The needs of children and youth for belonging and
6 unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and
7 WHEREAS, Many California counties and community partners
8 have successfully supported permanent family connections for
9 foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the
10 child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth,
11 family, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children
12 in foster care; and
13 WHEREAS, California recognizes the enduring and valuable
14 contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open

1 their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, California recognizes the numerous individuals
4 and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the
5 needs of children and youth living in, and leaving, foster care are
6 met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth
7 with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young
8 people into successful adulthood; and

9 WHEREAS, California is engaged in continuum of care reform,
10 which is a comprehensive approach to improving the experience
11 and outcomes of children and youth in foster care by improving
12 assessments of children and families to make more informed and
13 appropriate initial placement decisions, emphasizing home-based
14 family care placements of children, appropriately supporting these
15 placements with needed services, creating short-term residential
16 therapeutic programs for youth whose needs cannot be met safely
17 in families, and increasing transparency and accountability for
18 child outcomes; and

19 WHEREAS, California is committed to working in partnership
20 with the federal government and local governments to improve
21 the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child
22 welfare system; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
25 May 2017 as Foster Care Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 83 (Cooley) – As Introduced May 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Foster Care Month

SUMMARY: Declares May 2017 as Foster Care Month. Specifically, **this bill:** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There are approximately 65,000 California children and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe, permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home, and adequate preparation for a secure future.
- 2) Many California counties and community partners have successfully supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth, family, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster care.
- 3) California recognizes the enduring and valuable contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth. California also recognizes the numerous individuals and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the needs of children and youth living in, and leaving, foster care are met. These organizations help provide foster and former foster children and youth with vital connections to their siblings, and help launch young people into successful adulthood.
- 4) This state is engaged in continuum of care reform, which is a comprehensive approach to improving the experience and outcomes of children and youth in foster care. This includes improving assessments of children and families to make more informed and appropriate initial placement decisions, emphasizing home-based family care placements of children, appropriately supporting these placements with needed services, creating short-term residential therapeutic programs for youth whose needs cannot be met safely in families, and increasing transparency and accountability for child outcomes.
- 5) California is committed to working in partnership with the federal government and local governments to improve the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child welfare system.

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



Floor Alert! Floor Alert! Floor Alert!

May 9, 2017

TO: The Honorable Members of the Assembly

RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 83 (Cooley) – 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 83**, as introduced on May 2, 2017.

California is the home of the largest number of foster youth in the country. Research has proven time and time again that the needs of youth for belonging and unconditional emotional commitment are best met in family-settings. Many California counties and community partners have successfully supported permanent family connections for foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system and improved practices to effectively engage youth, family and communities.

ACR 83 declares the month of May 2017 as Foster Care Month. This resolution recognizes the enduring contributions of relatives, foster and adoptive parents who open their homes and families and homes to vulnerable children and youth. This resolution also recognizes the important work that social workers and other staff that work to ensure that children and youth living in foster care are properly supported and able to experience successful, secure outcomes in adulthood once they leave foster care.

While the state is engaged in continuum of care reform that seeks to improve supportive services to children and families and increase transparency and accountability for placement outcomes, Californians should take time this month to identify the different roles we can each can play in enhancing the lives and futures of children and youth touched by the child welfare system.

Please join us in supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution 83.

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,

Joshua Golka
Legislative Affairs Manager, California

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 89

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

May 4, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 89—Relative to American Stroke Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 89, as introduced, Aguiar-Curry. American Stroke Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2017 as American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
2 disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States,
3 killing about 133,000 people nationwide and over 13,600 California
4 citizens each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Projections show that incidents of stroke will
6 increase by 20.5 percent over 2012 figures by 2030, affecting an
7 additional 3.4 million American adults, with the highest increases
8 projected for Hispanic men at 29 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, The direct medical costs for treating stroke are
10 expected to almost triple from \$71.6 billion to \$184.1 billion by
11 2030; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 85 million Americans have high blood
13 pressure, which is the leading controllable risk factor for stroke;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
2 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes
3 when administered in the early hours; and

4 WHEREAS, From 2014 to 2015, stroke mortality increased in
5 the United States by 3 percent after years of decline; and

6 WHEREAS, The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of
7 stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and
8 time to call 911; and

9 WHEREAS, Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs
10 and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face,
11 arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion,
12 trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one
13 or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance
14 or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, During American Stroke Month in May and
17 year-round, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End
18 Stroke" initiative encourages Americans to manage their blood
19 pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call
20 911 at the first sign of a stroke; and

21 WHEREAS, Much more research and education are needed to
22 help Americans prevent and treat stroke; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
25 May 2017 to be American Stroke Month in California and urges
26 all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors
27 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms,
28 and on the first sign of a stroke dial 911 immediately in order to
29 begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population;
30 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 89 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced May 4, 2017

SUBJECT: American Stroke Month

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2017 as American Stroke Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 133,000 people nationwide and over 13,600 California citizens each year.
- 2) Nearly 85 million Americans have high blood pressure, which is the leading controllable risk factor for stroke.
- 3) The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911.
- 4) Beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause.
- 5) New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes when administered in early hours.
- 6) Projections show that incidents of stroke will increase by 20.5 percent by 2030, affecting an additional 3.4 million American adults, with the highest increases projected for Hispanic men at 29 percent. The direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to almost triple from \$71.6 billion to \$184.1 billion by 2030.
- 7) During American Stroke Month in May and year-round, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End Stroke" initiative encourages Americans to manage their blood pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of stroke.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA)

Opposition

None on file

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RE: A.C.R. 89 (Aguiar-Curry) - Sponsor

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) is pleased to sponsor Assembly Concurrent Resolution 89 (Aguiar-Curry), which recognizes May as American Stroke Month in California.

The mission of the AHA/ASA is to build lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. The organization's work includes initiatives to help prevent, treat, and beat stroke. Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 133,000 people nationwide and over 13,600 California citizens each year. In addition to the loss of lives, total annual direct stroke-related medical costs are expected to increase from \$71.55 billion to \$184.13 billion between 2013 and 2030.

By designating May as American Stroke Month in California, we urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at the first signs of a stroke, to dial 9-1-1 immediately to help reduce the devastating effects stroke victims. In addition, American Stroke Month raises awareness about stroke to the most vulnerable populations. For example, the burden of stroke is greater among African Americans than in any other group, having nearly twice the risk factor than non-Hispanic whites. Furthermore, African-American and Hispanic stroke survivors are more likely to become disabled and have difficulty with activities of daily living than whites.

For these reasons, we thank Assemblywoman Aguilar-Curry for recognizing May as American Stroke Month in California, alerting Californians to the effects of stroke, and raising stroke awareness. We respectfully request your "aye" vote.

Sincerely,

Dennis Cuevas-Romero
Government Relations Director
American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

House Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Assembly Members Burke and Cristina Garcia

May 4, 2017

House Resolution No. 37—Relative to Women’s Health Week.

1 WHEREAS, Mother’s Day, 2017, marks the start of the 18th
2 annual National Women’s Health Week, established by the United
3 States Department of Health and Human Services Office on
4 Women’s Health; and

5 WHEREAS, Women are more likely to serve as the primary
6 caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others, making
7 their health less of a priority; and

8 WHEREAS, The first objective of Women’s Health Week is to
9 empower women to make their mental, physical, and reproductive
10 health a priority in their everyday lives; and

11 WHEREAS, The second objective of Women’s Health Week
12 is to raise awareness about health issues unique to women, about
13 disparities women experience in health care as compared to men,
14 and about disparities women of color experience in health care;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Understanding of these issues and disparities is
17 critical to the development of strategies for improving the health
18 care and the quality of life for women and girls; and

19 WHEREAS, Violence against women has a significant impact
20 on their health; one in five women will become victims of sexual
21 assault in their lifetime and more than 4.5 million women currently
22 living in California have been victims of domestic violence; and

23 WHEREAS, Women face unique health risks by virtue of their
24 reproductive status; and

1 WHEREAS, Women and girls are at a greater risk for
2 complications resulting from sexually transmitted diseases,
3 including pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, and cervical
4 cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Annually, about 12,000 women are diagnosed with
6 cervical cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast
8 cancer in their lifetime; and

9 WHEREAS, African American women are about 40 percent
10 more likely to die from breast cancer than white women due to
11 less access to early-detection screening and treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, Women have a longer life expectancy and
13 experience more chronic diseases than men; and

14 WHEREAS, Osteoporosis is estimated to affect approximately
15 one out of ten women at 60 years of age, one out of five women
16 at 70 years of age, and two-thirds of women at 90 years of age,
17 which leads to one out of two women sustaining an
18 osteoporosis-related injury in their lifetime; and

19 WHEREAS, Heart disease is the leading cause of death for
20 California women, and women tend to die at an earlier age from
21 heart disease than men because they tend to receive care later in
22 the course of the disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a common cause of heart disease for
24 women, approximately 13 million women in the United States
25 have been diagnosed with diabetes, and the prevalence of diabetes
26 is at least two to four times higher among women of color than
27 among white women; and

28 WHEREAS, Women of certain racial and ethnic minority groups
29 are disproportionately affected by additional dangerous health
30 conditions, including tobacco-related cancers, heart disease,
31 depression, and reproductive health risks; and

32 WHEREAS, Women of color face greater barriers to accessing
33 care; and

34 WHEREAS, Historically, women, and particularly women of
35 color, have been underrepresented in clinical health studies and
36 drug trials; and

37 WHEREAS, The lack of clinical drug trials conducted on women
38 leads to misinformation about dosages and how certain drugs will
39 affect women's bodies; and

1 WHEREAS, Women's health needs to be at the forefront of
2 health care discussions to ensure equality in health care and to
3 safeguard access to resources for diseases that primarily impact
4 women; and

5 WHEREAS, Continued efforts to meet the health care needs of
6 California's women and girls are necessary; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
8 week of May 14, 2017, to May 20, 2017, inclusive, is hereby
9 proclaimed Women's Health Week, and that Mother's Day to the
10 following Sunday each year thereafter is hereby proclaimed
11 Women's Health Week, and that efforts to increase awareness
12 about all women's health issues are encouraged and promoted;
13 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 11, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 37 (Burke) – As Introduced May 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Women's Health Week

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of May 14, 2017, to May 20, 2017, inclusive as Women's Health Week, and that Mother's Day to the following Sunday each year thereafter is hereby proclaimed Women's Health Week so that efforts to increase awareness about all women's health issues are encouraged and promoted. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mother's Day, 2017, marks the start of the 18th annual National Women's Health Week, established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health.
- 2) Women are more likely to serve as the primary caregiver for their children, spouse, parents, and others, making their health less of a priority. The first objective of Women's Health Week is to empower women to make their mental, physical, and reproductive health a priority in their everyday lives.
- 3) Women have a longer life expectancy and experience more chronic diseases than men. The second objective of Women's Health Week is to raise awareness about health issues unique to women, about disparities women experience in health care as compared to men, and about disparities women of color experience in health care.
- 4) Historically, women, particularly women of color, have been underrepresented in clinical health studies and drug trials; and the lack of clinical drug trials conducted on women leads to misinformation about dosages and how certain drugs will affect women's bodies.
- 5) Understanding of these issues and disparities is critical to the development of strategies for improving the health care and the quality of life for women and girls.
- 6) Violence against women has a significant impact on their health; one in five women will become victims of sexual assault in their lifetime and more than 4.5 million women currently living in California have been victims of domestic violence.
- 7) Women's health needs to be at the forefront of health care discussions to ensure equality in health care and to safeguard access to resources for diseases that primarily impact women.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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May 9, 2017

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RE: AB 524: Request to Add an Urgency Clause

Dear Chairman Cooley:

I would like to request that an Urgency Clause be added to Assembly Bill 524. Provided it is signed by the Governor, this measure would award the citation dollars paid by PG&E for the Butte Fire to the affected counties of Amador and Calaveras.

These counties are rural and remote with small populations and budgets. This funding would help ease the financial burden caused by the fire. Specifically, these dollars could be directed to fire prevention work, including the removal of trees destroyed by the Western Bark Beetle on public and private properties in Calaveras and Amador Counties. Tree mortality is a tremendous threat in these communities, and their removal, with the summer months rapidly approaching, is crucial in preventing future catastrophic forest fires.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Bigelow".

Assembly Member Frank Bigelow

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May 10, 2017

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

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

I respectfully request permission to insert an urgency clause into my bill, AB 602 *Pharmacy: nonprescription diabetes test devices*, which seeks to prevent the sale of diabetes test devices that are sold and acquired through the gray market.

This urgency clause is necessary in order to immediately prevent the sale of diabetes test devices that are sold and acquired outside of the legal and regulated supply chain because they pose a health and safety risk to the public who utilizes these devices.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my Chief of Staff, Evan Corder, at 916-319-2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Bonta".

ROB BONTA
Assemblymember, 18th District