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Thursday, May 9, 2019  
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:** 5/8/19  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the following resolutions have been added to the list of referrals: ACR 90, ACR 92, ACR 93, and SCR 35.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/09/2019

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>ACR 86</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 87</u>	ED.
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<u>SB 36</u>	PUB. S.
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<u>SB 68</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>SB 167</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 192</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 350</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 366</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 467</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>SB 505</u>	E. & R.
<u>SB 557</u>	PUB. S.
<u>SB 664</u>	E. & R.
<u>SB 717</u>	G.O.
<u>SCR 35</u>	RLS.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 29**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Salas**

February 15, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Relative to Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 29, as introduced, Salas. Blue Star Mothers of America Month. This measure would recognize May 2019 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month in California, 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 2019 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 2019 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 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 29 (Salas) – As Introduced February 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 2019 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month in California. 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. 69**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia**

April 9, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 69, as introduced, Eduardo Garcia. “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2019 as “Parks Make Life Better!”<sup>®</sup> Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation promote physical, emotional,
- 2 and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed
- 3 fitness, play, and activity; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Parks support the economic vitality of communities
- 5 by attracting new businesses, promoting community revitalization,
- 6 increasing tourism, providing jobs, and generating revenue; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Parks foster the creation of memorable experiences
- 8 through engaged programs, dynamic events, and new opportunities
- 9 designed to get people involved in their communities; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Parks foster social cohesiveness in communities
- 11 through events and programs that celebrate diversity, provide
- 12 inclusive services, model compassion, promote social equity, and



1 connect social networks, and by ensuring all people have access  
2 to the benefits of utilizing park space; and  
3 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support human development  
4 and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual,  
5 physical, and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, The creation and maintenance of parks sustain and  
8 steward natural resources by protecting habitats and open space,  
9 connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function  
10 of parkland; and  
11 WHEREAS, Parks strengthen community identity by providing  
12 facilities and services that can reflect and celebrate community  
13 character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape; and  
14 WHEREAS, California’s rich and diverse park landscapes, from  
15 urban settings, such as Oakland and Los Angeles, to rural areas,  
16 such as the Eastern Coachella Valley, share transformative qualities  
17 that invite all ages, ethnicities, and demographics to share  
18 experiential moments in a physical space; and  
19 WHEREAS, Access to parks, the coast, and public lands is  
20 fundamental to healthy, vibrant communities; and  
21 WHEREAS, Parks and outdoor programs not only provide a  
22 space for communities of color to strengthen their understanding  
23 and relationship with nature, but also provide opportunities for  
24 families and communities to connect with each other; and  
25 WHEREAS, Parks can encourage healthy, joyful, and active  
26 living, promote healing, support learning, and improve  
27 environmental conditions in rural and urban communities alike;  
28 and  
29 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation facilitate the resolution of  
30 community challenges and issues as demonstrated through the  
31 skills deployed by park professionals through after school  
32 programming, including informal play and youth athletic activities,  
33 which often results in reductions in juvenile crime; and  
34 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support safe, vibrant,  
35 attractive, and progressive communities that make life better  
36 through positive alternatives offered in their recreational  
37 opportunities; and  
38 WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has  
39 released a statewide public awareness campaign called “Parks  
40 Make Life Better!”<sup>®</sup> to inform the public of the many benefits of

1 utilizing parks and related facilities, programs, and services; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
5 of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the  
6 health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all  
7 Californians; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the month of July 2019  
9 as “Parks Make Life Better!”<sup>®</sup> Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 69 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Introduced April 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of July 2019 as “Parks Make Life Better!” Month and recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Parks and recreation promote physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity.
- 2) Parks support the economic vitality of communities by attracting new businesses, promoting community revitalization, increasing tourism, providing jobs, and generating revenue; and, parks foster the creation of memorable experiences through engaged programs, dynamic events, and new opportunities designed to get people involved in their communities.
- 3) Parks strengthen community identity by providing facilities and services that can reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape.
- 4) California’s rich and diverse park landscapes, from urban settings, such as Oakland and Los Angeles, to rural areas, such as the Eastern Coachella Valley, share transformative qualities that invite all ages, ethnicities, and demographics to share experiential moments in a physical space.
- 5) Parks and recreation facilitate the resolution of community challenges and issues as demonstrated through the skills deployed by park professionals through after school programming, including informal play and youth athletic activities, which often results in reductions in juvenile crime.
- 6) Parks and recreation support safe, vibrant, attractive, and progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities.
- 7) The California Park and Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign called “Parks Make Life Better!” to inform the public of the many benefits of utilizing parks and related facilities, programs, and services.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 6, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019—20 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 85**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chau, Chiu, Gabriel, Gipson,**  
**Gonzalez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, and Weber)**  
(Coauthors: Senators Durazo and Pan)

May 1, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 85, as amended, Reyes. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature's respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world's major religions and  
2 part of our shared human heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, California's Muslim community is one of the most  
4 diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that  
5 span the globe; and

6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,  
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the  
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and

9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation's armed  
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the  
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some  
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

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1 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements  
2 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward  
3 justice and fair inclusion for all; and

4 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our present  
5 day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in  
6 the history of this state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political  
7 development; and

8 WHEREAS, There are approximately one million Muslim  
9 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social  
10 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard  
12 work and contributions to medicine, science, information  
13 technology, education, police, military, and many other fields,  
14 have benefited from and enriched the state's open, tolerant, and  
15 economically vibrant environment; and

16 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build  
17 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual  
18 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express  
19 gratitude in this month; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 14, 2019, the State Capitol will host the  
21 ~~15th~~ 16th annual Ramadan Capitol Iftar, a dinner marking the end  
22 of fasting on that day at dusk; and

23 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual  
24 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the  
25 Muslim calendar year; and

26 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of  
27 Ramadan commences at dusk on May 5, 2019, and continues for  
28 one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day; now, therefore,  
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
31 *thereof concurring,* That in observance of and out of respect for  
32 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting  
33 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of  
34 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across  
35 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;  
36 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: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 85 (Reyes) – As Amended May 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Ramadan.

**SUMMARY:** Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature's respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. Islam is one of the world's major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California's Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) Muslims have a long history in the United States, spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the enslaved African woman and men were said to be Muslim.
- 3) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 4) The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state's open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month.
- 6) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on May 5, 2019, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day; and on May 14, 2019, the State Capitol will host the 16th annual Ramadan Capitol Iftar, a dinner marking the end of fasting on that day at dusk.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 93**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

May 7, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to Citrus Stride Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 93, as introduced, Irwin. Citrus Stride Day.

This measure would recognize that hunger is an issue affecting too many Californians and would commend the California citrus industry for its effort to raise awareness about food insecurity by observing May 15, 2019, as Citrus Stride Day at the State Capitol.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Citrus is a major crop in California and accounts  
2 for over 80% of all fresh citrus production in the United States;  
3 and  
4 WHEREAS, Citrus fruits are known to be an excellent source  
5 of health and nutrition; and  
6 WHEREAS, Despite its agricultural bounty, California’s  
7 communities are among the hungriest in the United States  
8 according to the Food Research and Action Center; and  
9 WHEREAS, The California Food Insecurity Rate is 11.7% and  
10 one out of every eight Californians does not know where their next  
11 meal will come from; and  
12 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.7 million children in California  
13 are experiencing food insecurity, placing California at the 20th  
14 highest child food insecurity rate in the nation; and



1 WHEREAS, California’s citrus growers donate several million  
2 pounds of citrus to California community food banks each year to  
3 help fight the war against hunger; and  
4 WHEREAS, On May 15, 2019, the California citrus industry  
5 will host the 4th Annual Citrus Stride, a one-mile walk around the  
6 State Capitol to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity  
7 in our communities; and  
8 WHEREAS, For every participant, the citrus industry pledges  
9 to donate 1,000 pounds of fresh citrus fruit to California food  
10 banks; now, therefore, be it  
11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes that hunger is  
13 an issue affecting too many Californians and commends the  
14 California citrus industry for its effort to raise awareness about  
15 food insecurity by observing May 15, 2019, as Citrus Stride Day  
16 at the State Capitol; and be it 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: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 93 (Irwin) – As Introduced May 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Citrus Stride Day.

**SUMMARY:** Observes May 15, 2019, as Citrus Stride Day and recognizes that hunger is an issue effecting too many Californians and commends the California citrus industry for its effort to raise awareness about food insecurity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Citrus is a major crop in California and accounts for over 80 percent of all fresh citrus production in the United States; and, citrus fruits are known to be an excellent source of health and nutrition.
- 2) Despite its agricultural bounty, California's communities are among the hungriest in the United States according to the Food Research and Action Center with the California Food Insecurity Rate being 11.7 percent and one out of every eight Californians does not know where their next meal will come from.
- 3) Approximately 1.7 million children in California are experiencing food insecurity, placing California at the 20th highest child food insecurity rate in the nation.
- 4) California's citrus growers donate several million pounds of citrus to California community food banks each year to help fight the war against hunger.
- 5) On May 15, 2019, the California citrus industry will host the 4th Annual Citrus Stride, a one-mile walk around the State Capitol to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity in our communities.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Rubio**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Quirk)

March 26, 2019

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 35, as introduced, Rubio. State Scientist Day.

This measure would recognize May 8, 2019, as the 31st Annual State Scientist Day and would declare that this day shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional  
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81  
3 scientific classifications; and  
4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually  
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,  
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and  
7 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical  
8 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding, and  
9 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all  
10 Californians; and  
11 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas  
12 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,  
13 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of  
14 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and  
15 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

1 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California  
2 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated  
3 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and  
4 WHEREAS, CAPS is featuring its members in a statewide media  
5 campaign with the slogan “Science Matters” to educate the public  
6 and policymakers about the important work state scientists perform  
7 to protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our  
8 wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and  
9 water from toxic waste and pollution; and  
10 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional STEM  
11 Fair, one of California’s 14 regional science and engineering fairs,  
12 serving hundreds of middle and high schools in 12 California  
13 counties; and  
14 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day  
15 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition  
16 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state  
17 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500  
18 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;  
19 and  
20 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in  
21 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,  
22 state employees, and members of the public who attend the special  
23 event; now, therefore, be it  
24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Senate recognizes May 8, 2019, as  
26 the 31st Annual State Scientist Day and that this day shall be a  
27 tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists  
28 who work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it  
29 further  
30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 35 (Rubio) – As Introduced March 26, 2019

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** State Scientist Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 8, 2019, as the 31st Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The state employs nearly 3,000 professional scientists working in over 30 state departments in 81 scientific classifications.
- 2) State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology, seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others.
- 3) The work of state scientists protects the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste and pollution.
- 4) State scientists perform important work in the areas of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more.
- 5) State Scientist Day at the Capitol increases public awareness and recognizes contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on exhibits; and, the event has sparked an interest in science for thousands of California school children, legislators, state employees, and the public who attend the special event.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS)

**Opposition**

None on file

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



May 7, 2019

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 35 (Rubio) – SPONSOR**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

On behalf of our client, the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) representing more than 3,000 highly educated, specially trained state-employed scientists working in over 30 state departments and 81 scientific classifications whose members protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution, I am writing to inform you of their sponsorship of SCR 35 (Rubio).

This measure recognizes May 8, 2019, as the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

CAPS hosts State Scientist Day at the State Capitol to increase public awareness of the significant contributions made by state scientists while entertaining and educating nearly 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits presented by state agencies and their scientists. State scientists make critical decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding and these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all Californians. State scientists perform important work in the areas of climate change remediation, infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more. State Scientists Day gives them an opportunity to showcase the important work they do and hopefully encourage student to enter the Science, Technology, Engineer and Math (STEM) field.

Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The state employs nearly 3,000 professional scientists working in over 30 state departments in 81 scientific classifications.
- 2) State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology, seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others.
- 3) The work of state scientists protects the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste and pollution.
- 4) State scientists perform important work in the areas of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more.
- 5) State Scientist Day at the Capitol increases public awareness and recognizes contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on exhibits; and, the event has sparked an interest in science for thousands of California school children, legislators, state employees, and the public who attend the special event.

CAPS is pleased to author SCR 35 recognizing State Scientists Day and we respectfully request your "AYE" vote when the bill comes before your committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 448-3444.

Sincerely,

PATRICK MORAN  
Legislative Advocate

cc: Members, Assembly Rules Committee  
Consultant, Assembly Rules Committee  
Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus

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**Introduced by Senator Leyva**

April 8, 2019

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to 529 College Savings Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 37, as introduced, Leyva. 529 College Savings Day

This measure would designate May 29, 2019, 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, computer  
7 equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, While the first college savings plans were  
10 developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to  
11 help families and students save for higher education expenses, it  
12 was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue  
13 Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to  
14 rapidly gain popularity across the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer  
16 529 college savings plans, over 13.6 million 529 accounts have  
17 been opened, more than \$328.9 billion have been saved for future

1 higher education expenses, and more than one million students  
2 nationwide have withdrawn funds from 529 accounts to help pay  
3 higher education expenses; and

4 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, which  
5 has served as California’s official state-sponsored 529 college  
6 savings plan since its launch in 1999, has grown to more than \$8.2  
7 billion in total plan assets held in over 317,000 ScholarShare 529  
8 accounts; and

9 WHEREAS, The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan has  
10 helped students meet their higher education goals with over \$513  
11 million withdrawn in 2018 for qualified higher education expenses  
12 and funds distributed directly to at least 1,058 colleges and  
13 universities; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, from 2007–08 through 2017–18,  
15 tuition rates at the University of California, the California State  
16 University, and the California Community Colleges increased 77  
17 percent, 88 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, 61 percent of all federal financial aid is in the form  
23 of loans, substantially increasing the number of college graduates  
24 who will face the burden of repaying significant student loan debt  
25 upon entering the workforce; and

26 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New  
27 York, student loan debt has reached \$1.5 trillion nationally, up  
28 from \$620 billion in 2008; 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  
33 529 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 50 percent more than a high  
39 school graduate according to the United States Census Bureau;  
40 and



1 WHEREAS, May 29 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 Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
7 hereby proclaims May 29, 2019, as 529 College Savings Day; and  
8 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 37 (Leyva) – As Introduced April 8, 2019

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** 529 College Savings Day

**SUMMARY:** Designates May 29, 2019, 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, computer equipment, certain room and board costs, and required supplies.
- 2) While the first college savings plans were developed by states in 1988 as innovative programs designed to help families and students save for higher education expenses, it was not until the enactment of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code by Congress in 1996 that college savings plans began to rapidly gain popularity across the country.
- 3) Today, 49 states and the District of Columbia offer 529 college savings plans, over 13.6 million 529 accounts have been opened, more than \$328.9 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) The ScholarShare 529 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 \$8.2 billion in total plan assets held in over 317,000 ScholarShare 529 accounts. The ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan has helped students meet their higher education goals with over \$513 million withdrawn in 2018 for qualified higher education expenses and funds distributed directly to at least 1,058 colleges and universities.
- 5) Federal financial aid awards have shifted away from student grants to providing access to guaranteed student loans so that, today, 61 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.
- 6) According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, student loan debt has reached \$1.5 trillion nationally, up from \$620 billion in 2008. When Americans are burdened with student loan debt, they are not able to buy homes, cars, and other products that boost our economy. College savings plans, such as the ScholarShare 529 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**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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**Introduced by Senator Hueso**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Salas)

April 22, 2019

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 40, as introduced, Hueso. Autism Awareness Month.

This measure would designate April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month and encourage residents to show support for autism awareness.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that  
2 manifests during the first few years of a child’s life and results  
3 from a neurological disorder that affects brain function; and  
4 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can affect an  
5 individual’s social, communication, and behavioral skills; and  
6 WHEREAS, Autism affects children from all countries,  
7 regardless of gender, race, or socio-economic status; and  
8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that as many as 2.41 percent of  
9 children in the United States suffer from ASD; and  
10 WHEREAS, Young adults with autism are less likely to continue  
11 their education past secondary school, and 35 percent do not have  
12 a job or receive postgraduate education after leaving high school;  
13 and  
14 WHEREAS, Autism affects people from all backgrounds, but  
15 disproportionately affects minority and economically disadvantaged  
16 communities due to the cost and inaccessibility of autism care;  
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Medical expenses for children with ASD are shown  
2 to be four to six times greater than those without ASD; and  
3 WHEREAS, While there is no cure for autism, it is  
4 well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment  
5 early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead  
6 significantly improved lives; and  
7 WHEREAS, While there is no diagnostic test for ASD, the  
8 increased awareness of autism and the detection services available  
9 today make it possible for more people to be properly diagnosed  
10 with ASD; and  
11 WHEREAS, ASD is not becoming more pervasive, but rather,  
12 the increased accessibility to services and professionals is assisting  
13 individuals in the diagnosis process; and  
14 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of  
15 specialized and community support services to ensure their health  
16 and safety, as well as the resilience of their families as they manage  
17 the psychological and financial burdens autism presents; now,  
18 therefore, be it  
19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of  
21 April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents  
22 to show support for autism awareness; and be it further  
23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 9, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 40 (Hueso) – As Introduced April 22, 2019

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Autism Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that manifests during the first few years of a child's life and results from a neurological disorder that affects brain function. Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, as well as the resilience of their families as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents.
- 2) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can affect an individual's social, communication, and behavioral skills; and it is estimated that as many as 2.41 percent of children in the United States suffer from ASD.
- 3) Autism affects people from all backgrounds, but disproportionately affects minority and economically disadvantaged communities due to the cost and inaccessibility of autism care.
- 4) Medical expenses for children with ASD are shown to be four to six times greater than those without ASD.
- 5) It is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives.
- 6) The increased awareness of autism and the detection services available today make it possible for more people to be properly diagnosed with ASD. ASD is not becoming more pervasive, but rather, the increased accessibility to services and professionals is assisting individuals in the diagnosis process.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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