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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 3/28/14  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received the preliminary there have been no changes.



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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 103**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fox**

February 20, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to California Poppy Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 103, as introduced, Fox. California Poppy Month.

This measure would recognize April, 2014, as California Poppy Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On April 26 and 27, 2014, the Antelope Valley  
2 will host the California Poppy Festival, an annual event to celebrate  
3 the state's most colorful visitor, the California poppy; and  
4 WHEREAS, The California poppy is the official flower of the  
5 State of California; and  
6 WHEREAS, The California Poppy Reserve is located in the  
7 Antelope Valley and was designated as a state reserve to emphasize  
8 the strict protection of a specific resource, the California poppy,  
9 by making available significant displays of blooming poppies and  
10 associated wildflowers for the public to enjoy; and  
11 WHEREAS, The poppy has always symbolized California's  
12 good life, as its color mirrors California's climate and charm, and  
13 the profusion of its blooms reflects the richness of the Golden  
14 State; and  
15 WHEREAS, Many cultures and people in history have used the  
16 poppy in their legends and folklore; and

1 WHEREAS, In Native American history, the Great Spirit sent  
2 the Fire Flower to drive away the evils of frost and famine, and to  
3 fill the land with warmth and plenty; and

4 WHEREAS, For the Spanish, the poppy was an omen, a promise  
5 that California was rich and fertile, and they called it Copa de Oro,  
6 the cup of gold; and

7 WHEREAS, To the miners of the Gold Rush of 1849, the poppy  
8 was a symbol of gold, since the flower and metal shared a common  
9 color and both were abundant; and

10 WHEREAS, The Antelope Valley shares a common commitment  
11 to promote among the residents of the State of California an  
12 appreciation of the California poppy through tourism and  
13 educational opportunities; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes April,  
16 2014, as California Poppy Month.

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: April 1, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 103 (Fox) – As Amended: February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: California Poppy Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 2014, as California Poppy Month. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Poppy is the official flower of the State of California and symbolizes California's good life, as its color mirrors California's climate and charm, and the profusion of its blooms reflects the richness of the Golden State.
- 2) Many cultures and people in history have used the poppy in their legends and folklore. Native Americans history states the Great Spirit sent the Fire Flower to drive away evils of frost and famine, and to fill the land with warmth and plenty; the Spanish said the poppy was an omen, a promise that California was rich and fertile, and they called it Copa de Oro, the cup of gold.
- 3) To the miners of the Gold Rush of 1849, the poppy was symbol of gold, since the flower and metal shared a common color and both were abundant.

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 MARCH 27, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 106

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Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 21, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to the 26th Annual State Scientist Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 106, as amended, Gordon. 26th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 14, 2014, as the 26th 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.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional  
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 230  
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 represented by the California  
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated  
9 to professionalism, independence, *and* responsible advocacy, and  
10 ensuring that state scientists receive fair pay and benefits for their  
11 important work; *advocacy*; and  
12 WHEREAS, The Governor wrote in October 2007 that “I value  
13 the dedication and work of the State’s scientists, and I am  
14 concerned that salaries for this group may have fallen behind those



1 of comparable workers” and that he wants to ensure “that the State  
2 is moving in the direction of achieving fair and equitable  
3 compensation for the scientists”; and

4 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public  
5 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant  
6 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste  
7 and pollution; and

8 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical  
9 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and  
10 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all  
11 Californians; and

12 ~~WHEREAS, If this state loses its scientific expertise, the state~~  
13 ~~will go unarmed in the battles against greenhouse gas emissions,~~  
14 ~~air pollution, and the overall protection of children’s health,~~  
15 ~~according to a 2006 California Environmental Protection Agency~~  
16 ~~report; and~~

17 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas  
18 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,  
19 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of  
20 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and  
21 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

22 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional Science  
23 and Engineering Fair, one of California’s 14 regional science and  
24 engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in  
25 10 California counties; and

26 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day  
27 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition  
28 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state  
29 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500  
30 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in  
33 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,  
34 state employees, and members of the public, who attend the special  
35 event; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
37 *thereof concurring,* That May 14, 2014, shall be recognized as the  
38 26th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute  
39 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who  
40 work on behalf of all the residents of California; 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: April 1, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 106 (Gordon) – As Amended: March 27, 2014

SUBJECT: 26th Annual State Scientist Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 14, 2014, as the 26th 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 230 scientific classifications; and, the work of state scientists impacts the lives and property of all Californians.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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

None on file.

### Opposition

None on file.

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

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 35**

**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez**

February 18, 2014

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 35—Relative to the Armenian Genocide.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 35, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Armenian Genocide.

This measure would designate the week of April 20 to 26, 2014, as “California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923,” and would memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to observe the California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide by participating in the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Project.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923 was the  
2 first genocide of the 20th century, in which 1.5 million men,  
3 women, and children lost their lives at the hands of the Turkish  
4 Ottoman Empire in their attempt to systematically eliminate the  
5 Armenian race; and  
6 WHEREAS, In their 3,000 year historic homeland in Asia  
7 Minor, Armenians were subjected to severe and unjust persecution  
8 and brutality by the Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire before  
9 and after the turn of the 20th century, including widespread acts  
10 of destruction and murder during the period from 1894 to 1896,  
11 inclusive, and again in 1909; and

1 WHEREAS, The massacre of the Armenians constituted one of  
2 the most atrocious violations of human rights in the history of the  
3 world; and

4 WHEREAS, Adolph Hitler, in persuading his army commanders  
5 that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other  
6 people would bring no retribution, declared, “Who, after all, speaks  
7 today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”; and

8 WHEREAS, Unlike other people and governments that have  
9 admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor  
10 regimes, and despite the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent,  
11 the Republic of Turkey has inexplicably and adamantly denied the  
12 occurrence of the crimes against humanity committed by the  
13 Ottoman and Young Turk rulers, and those denials compound the  
14 grief of the few remaining survivors of the atrocities, desecrate  
15 the memory of the victims, and cause continuing pain to the  
16 descendants of the victims; and

17 WHEREAS, Leaders of nations with strategic, commercial, and  
18 cultural ties to the Republic of Turkey should be reminded of their  
19 duty to encourage Turkish officials to cease efforts to distort facts  
20 and deny the history of events surrounding the Armenian Genocide;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The determination of those who continue to speak  
23 the truth about the Armenian Genocide is tested to this day with  
24 some of these speakers of truth being silenced by violent means;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The accelerated level and scope of denial and  
27 revisionism, coupled with the passage of time and the fact that  
28 very few survivors remain who can serve as reminders of  
29 indescribable brutality and tormented lives, compel a sense of  
30 urgency in efforts to solidify recognition of historical truth; and

31 WHEREAS, By consistently remembering and forcefully  
32 condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, and  
33 honoring the survivors as well as other victims of similar heinous  
34 conduct, we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide and  
35 provide the American public with a greater understanding of its  
36 heritage; and

37 WHEREAS, This measure would provide that the Legislature  
38 deplors the persistent, ongoing efforts by any person in this  
39 country or abroad to deny the historical fact of the Armenian  
40 Genocide; and

1 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest  
2 Armenian-American population in the United States, and  
3 Armenians living in California have enriched our state through  
4 their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government,  
5 and the arts; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of California has been at the forefront  
7 of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human  
8 rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to  
9 prevent recurrence of the crime of genocide; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
11 *California, jointly*, That the State of California commends its  
12 conscientious educators who teach about human rights and  
13 genocide; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby  
15 designates the week of April 20 to 26, 2014, as “California Week  
16 of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923”; and  
17 be it further

18 *Resolved*, That California commemorates California Week of  
19 Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide through the Armenian  
20 Genocide Commemorative Project; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the State of California respectfully calls upon  
22 the Congress and the President of the United States to act likewise  
23 and to formally and consistently recognize and reaffirm the  
24 historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian  
25 people constituted genocide; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the Republic of Turkey  
27 to acknowledge the facts of the Armenian Genocide and to work  
28 toward a just resolution; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
30 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
31 States, Members of the United States Congress, the Governor, and  
32 the Turkish Ambassador to the United States.

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Date of Hearing: April 1, 2014

## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

AJR 35 (John A. Pérez) – As Introduced: February 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Armenian Genocide.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of April 20 to 26, 2014, as "California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," and calls upon the Congress and the President of the United States to observe the California Week of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide by participating in the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Project. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Armenian Genocide was the first genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in which 1.5 million men, women, and children lost their lives at the hands of the Turkish Ottoman Empire. This massacre constituted one of the most atrocious violations of human rights in the history of the world.
- 2) Unlike other governments and people that have admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor regimes, the Republic of Turkey has adamantly denied the occurrence of the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman Young Turk rulers, which only compounds the grief of the few remaining survivors and continues to cause pain to the descendants of the victims.
- 3) California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States and the Armenians living in this state have enriched the lives of Californians through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts.
- 4) By remembering and condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, and honoring the survivors, we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide and provide the American public with a greater understanding of its heritage.



FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 35**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

March 11, 2014

House Resolution No. 35—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Systematic lupus erythematosus, commonly known  
2 as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening  
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have  
5 been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world,  
6 and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

7 WHEREAS, New studies funded by the federal Centers for  
8 Disease Control and Prevention indicate that lupus may be twice  
9 as common as previously believed, afflicting 128.7 out of every  
10 100,000 women; and

11 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women primarily when they are 15  
12 to 44 years of age, inclusive, and it affects all aspects of their lives;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Lupus disproportionately affects people of color;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient,  
17 it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers, and  
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San  
20 Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and  
21 Lupus LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
22 organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through  
23 patient and family services, achieve early detection of undiagnosed

1 cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the eradication  
2 of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

3 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical  
4 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus  
5 sufferers; and

6 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research  
7 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
9 Assembly designates May 2014 as Lupus Awareness Month and  
10 extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of Northern  
11 California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern  
12 California in San Diego, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles for success  
13 in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
15 of this resolution to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California  
16 in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San  
17 Diego, Lupus LA in Los Angeles, and to the author for appropriate  
18 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 1, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

HR 35 (Campos) – As Introduced: March 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Lupus Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates May 2014 as Lupus Awareness Month and extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundations in California for success in their core objectives in the future. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Systematic lupus erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening autoimmune disease.
- 2) Research estimates that five million people have been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world, and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and, new studies by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that lupus may be twice as common as previously believed, effecting 128.7 out of every 100,000 women.
- 3) Lupus strikes women primarily when they are 15 to 44 years of age, inclusive, and it disproportionately affects people of color.
- 4) Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient, it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers, and community.
- 5) Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers; and, increased public awareness, education, and research are key to winning the battle against lupus.

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 Senators Beall and Steinberg  
(Coauthors: Senators Block, Correa, De León, Fuller, Gaines, Huff,  
Lara, Leno, Padilla, Pavley, and Wolk)**

March 10, 2014

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as introduced, Beall.

This measure would designate April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month and would encourage residents to show support for autism awareness by lighting their homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship with blue light bulbs.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder  
2 affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those  
3 affected by it; and  
4 WHEREAS, More children are being diagnosed on the autism  
5 spectrum than ever before with diagnoses as high as one in 88  
6 children nationally, and one in 54 boys; and  
7 WHEREAS, There is no cure for autism, but it is  
8 well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment  
9 early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead  
10 significantly improved lives; and  
11 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of  
12 specialized and community support services to ensure their health  
13 and safety, and to support families' resilience as they manage the  
14 psychological and financial burdens autism presents; and

1 WHEREAS, Autism Speaks and autism services providers  
2 throughout the state are organizing the Light it Up Blue campaign  
3 and Autism Awareness Day in order to educate parents,  
4 professionals, and the general public about autism and its impact;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In support of the Light it Up Blue campaign, nearly  
7 3,000 iconic structures and landmarks, including the Empire State  
8 Building in New York City and the Sydney Opera House in  
9 Australia, in more than 600 United States cities and 70 countries  
10 will shine a light on autism as a growing public health crisis by  
11 being illuminated with blue light; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates April 2014 as  
14 Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show  
15 support for autism awareness by lighting their homes, businesses,  
16 schools, and places of worship with blue light bulbs during the  
17 month of April; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 1, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

SCR 99 (Beall/Steinberg) – As Introduced: March 10, 2014

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Autism Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness by lighting their homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship with blue light bulbs. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum than ever before with diagnoses as high as one in 88 children nationally and one in 54 boys.
- 2) There is no cure for autism, but 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.
- 3) Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents.
- 4) Throughout the state, Autism Speaks and service providers are organizing the Light It Up Blue campaign and Autism Awareness Day in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its impact.



FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Autism Speaks

Opposition

None on file

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



March 12, 2014

Assemblymember Richard Gordon, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
State Capitol Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 99 – Autism Awareness Month (Sponsor Support)

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Autism Speaks is proud to be a sponsor of SCR 99 proclaiming the month of April Autism Awareness Month in California.

On April 2, 2014, people across the country and around the globe will commemorate World Autism Day. It is a day of promise and a time for us to lend our hearts and minds to all who live with autism. As part of this global effort, Autism Speaks is proud to sponsor the fifth annual Light It Up Blue campaign. Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Since then, Autism Speaks has grown into the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization.

Light It Up Blue is a global initiative aiming to increase autism awareness by literally, lighting the world up blue. We want to thank Senator Jim Beall for introducing SCR 99 and for his continued support and commitment to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Sincerely,

Lorri Shealy Unumb  
Vice President, State Government Affairs