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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 144

Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen

May 5, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to California Charter Schools Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 144, as introduced, Olsen. California Charter Schools Week.

This measure would proclaim May 5, 2014, to May 11, 2014, inclusive, to be California Charter Schools Week, and would state that the Legislature joins the California Charter Schools Association in congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and contributions they have made to public education.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In the 2013–14 academic year, 104 new charter
2 schools opened their doors across the state, helping to create new
3 jobs and opportunities for educators and other professionals in
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools that increase
6 learning opportunities for all pupils and provide parents and pupils
7 with expanded choices within the public school system; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 1,130 charter schools operating in
9 California, the highest number of any state in the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Charter schools have a combined enrollment of
11 over 519,000 pupils, representing 8.4 percent of the public school
12 pupil population in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1992, California was the second state in the
2 nation to establish charter schools; and

3 WHEREAS, Charter schools serve as beacons of innovation
4 and produce effective models of education, of significance to all
5 public schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Many charter schools are designed specifically to
7 serve children from traditionally disadvantaged communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Charter schools have made dramatic gains in
9 accelerating the closing of the achievement gap for those
10 underserved populations, increasing the graduation rate and
11 improving college readiness; and

12 WHEREAS, Charter schools create new professional
13 opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be
14 responsible for the learning program at the schoolsite; and

15 WHEREAS, Charter schools offer a variety of learning
16 environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, career
17 technical education, arts, and sciences; and

18 WHEREAS, Charter schools play an integral role in California's
19 public education system, the communities in which they operate,
20 the families they serve, and the pupils' lives they impact; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 5, 2014,
24 to May 11, 2014, inclusive, to be California Charter Schools Week,
25 and joins the California Charter Schools Association in
26 congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and
27 contributions they have made to public education; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 27, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 144 (Olsen) – As Amended: May 27, 2014

SUBJECT: California Charter Schools Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 5, 2014, to May 11, 2014, inclusive, and every second week in May thereafter, to be California Charter Schools Week; and joins the California Charter Schools Association in congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and contributions they have made to public education. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Charter schools play an integral role in California's public education system, the communities in which they operate, the families they serve, and the pupils' lives they impact; and, there are 1,130 charter schools operating in California, the highest number of any state in the nation.
- 2) Charters schools are public schools that increase learning opportunities for all pupils and offer a variety of learning environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, technical education, arts, and sciences.
- 3) In the 2013-14 academic year, 104 new charter schools opened and helped to create new jobs and opportunities for educators and other professionals in California; and, charter schools have a combined enrollment of 514,000 pupils representing 8.3 percent of the public school pupil population in the state.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 151

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

May 19, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 151, as introduced, Wilk. Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 25, 2014, to May 31, 2014, inclusive, as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week to honor those who work to make research and resources a reality for children suffering from DIPG and their families.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that the quality and
2 character of life in the communities across the State of California
3 are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those
4 organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of
5 the community and its citizenry; and
6 WHEREAS, In this regard, the Legislature commends the efforts
7 of the Jack’s Angels Foundation and other similar foundations for
8 their continuing efforts to raise awareness of, and fight against,
9 malignant brain tumors; and
10 WHEREAS, James-William “Jack” Demeter, the namesake of
11 the Jack’s Angels Foundation, lost the fight against Diffuse
12 Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) at the age of three; and

1 WHEREAS, DIPG is a malignant brain tumor that affects the
2 brain stem. Only children are afflicted with DIPG and it is usually
3 diagnosed between five and nine years of age; and

4 WHEREAS, According to Dr. Sabine Mueller of the University
5 of California at San Francisco, DIPG is one of the worst diagnoses
6 a patient and his or her family can face. There are essentially no
7 long-term survivors and median survival is only about 9 months.
8 Progress has been hampered by the perceived risk of biopsy of
9 these tumors. To date, no therapy has been shown to be effective
10 and children with DIPG are often treated on early phase 1 clinical
11 trials with a trial-and-error approach; and

12 WHEREAS, The Jack's Angels Foundation is a nonprofit
13 corporation that donates all money raised to establish a new DIPG
14 research fund at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. The
15 foundation is committed to promoting the most innovative research
16 and clinical trials to help shed light on the nature of DIPG and the
17 genetic anomalies that cause it. In order that there be greater hope
18 for survival, the foundation also actively researches cures for DIPG
19 through medical trials and scientific research; and

20 WHEREAS, The mission of the Jack's Angels Foundation is
21 also to support the quality of life for patients diagnosed with DIPG
22 patients and their families; and

23 WHEREAS, The mission of the Jack's Angels Foundation also
24 includes increasing public awareness and understanding of DIPG,
25 potentially increasing the protocol for pediatric brain tumor
26 research, and increasing investment by pharmaceutical companies
27 in research pertaining to DIPG; and

28 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature to call attention
29 to organizations, like the Jack's Angels Foundation, that serve to
30 bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing
31 improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature pause in its deliberations
34 to honor those who raise awareness of, and fight against, malignant
35 brain tumors, including DIPG; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Legislature hereby declares the week of May
37 25, 2014, to May 31, 2014, inclusive, as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine
38 Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week to honor those who work to
39 make research and resources a reality for children suffering from
40 DIPG and their families; 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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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 151 (Wilk) – As Introduced: May 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 25, 2014, to May 31, 2014, inclusive, as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week to honor those who work to make research and resources a reality for children suffering from DIPG and their families. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is a malignant brain tumor that affects the brain stem and only children are afflicted with DIPG usually diagnosed between five and nine years of age.
- 2) Survival rate of those afflicted with DIPG is only about 9 months and to date no therapy has been shown to be effective and children with DIPG are often treated on early phase 1 clinical trials with a trial-and-error approach.
- 3) The Jack's Angel Foundation, named after James-William "Jack" Demeter, who lost the fight against DIGG at the age of three, is a non-profit corporation that donates all money raised to the DIPG research fund at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital; and, they are committed to promoting the most innovative research and clinical trials to help shed light on the nature of DIPG and the genetic anomalies that cause it.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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