CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions

1. ACR 144 (Olsen)  Relative to California Charter Schools Week.  Page 2
2. ACR 151 (Wilk)  Relative to Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Week.  Page 6
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.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Charter schools have a combined enrollment of over 519,000 pupils, representing 8.4 percent of the public school pupil population in the state; and
WHEREAS, In 1992, California was the second state in the nation to establish charter schools; and
WHEREAS, Charter schools serve as beacons of innovation and produce effective models of education, of significance to all public schools; and
WHEREAS, Many charter schools are designed specifically to serve children from traditionally disadvantaged communities; and
WHEREAS, Charter schools have made dramatic gains in accelerating the closing of the achievement gap for those underserved populations, increasing the graduation rate and improving college readiness; and
WHEREAS, Charter schools create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the schoolsite; and
WHEREAS, Charter schools offer a variety of learning environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, career technical education, arts, and sciences; and
WHEREAS, 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; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims May 5, 2014, to May 11, 2014, inclusive, 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; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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.

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
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 character of life in the communities across the State of California are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

2 WHEREAS, In this regard, the Legislature commends the efforts of the Jack’s Angels Foundation and other similar foundations for their continuing efforts to raise awareness of, and fight against, malignant brain tumors; and

3 WHEREAS, James-William “Jack” Demeter, the namesake of the Jack’s Angels Foundation, lost the fight against Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) at the age of three; and
WHEREAS, DIPG is a malignant brain tumor that affects the brain stem. Only children are afflicted with DIPG and it is usually diagnosed between five and nine years of age; and

WHEREAS, According to Dr. Sabine Meuller of the University of California at San Francisco, DIPG is one of the worst diagnoses a patient and his or her family can face. There are essentially no long-term survivors and median survival is only about 9 months. Progress has been hampered by the perceived risk of biopsy of these tumors. 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; and

WHEREAS, The Jack’s Angels Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that donates all money raised to establish a new DIPG research fund at the Los Angeles Children’s Hospital. The foundation is 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. In order that there be greater hope for survival, the foundation also actively researches cures for DIPG through medical trials and scientific research; and

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby 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; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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 DIPG 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

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