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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 102

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 20, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to California Firefighters Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 102, as introduced, Fox. California Firefighters Memorial Day. This measure would proclaim October 11, 2014, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For over a decade, the California Firefighters
2 Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, has served
3 to commemorate firefighters who unwaveringly serve California
4 with pride, courage, and honor; and
5 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is a symbol
6 of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire
7 service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the
8 people, property, and beauty of this great state; and
9 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is also a
10 place of remembrance for our state's fallen firefighters, and a
11 gathering place where surviving family members and their
12 communities are strengthened by the power of remembering each
13 fallen firefighter's ultimate sacrifice; and
14 WHEREAS, Each of the over 1,200 names engraved on the
15 brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial

1 is a tribute to the finest and bravest who have made the ultimate
2 sacrifice as firefighters; and

3 WHEREAS, Many of the fallen firefighters whose names adorn
4 the California Firefighters Memorial suffered and ultimately
5 succumbed to diseases, such as cancer, as a result of the hazardous
6 nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxic chemicals;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, On October 11, 2014, firefighters and their families
9 from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento with their
10 fellow Californians for the 2014 California Firefighters Memorial
11 Ceremony to honor the men and women of the fire service who
12 have given their lives in service to California; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims October
16 11, 2014, as Firefighters Memorial Day, and urges Californians
17 to remember firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty and
18 to express their appreciation to those firefighters who continue to
19 protect us; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 14, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 102 (Fox) – As Introduced: February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: California Firefighters Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims October 11, 2014, as California Firefighters Memorial Day. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor.
- 2) The California Firefighters Memorial is also a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California.
- 3) Many of the 1,200 fallen firefighters whose names adorn the California Firefighters Memorial suffered and ultimately succumbed to diseases, such as cancer, as a result of the hazardous nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxic chemicals.
- 4) On October 11, 2014, firefighters and their families from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento with their fellow Californians for the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony 2014 to honor the men and women of the fire service who have given their lives to protect California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Professional Firefighters (CPF)

Opposition

None on file

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August 5, 2014

The Honorable Richard Gordon, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 102 (Fox) – California Firefighters Memorial Day. (SUPPORT/SPONSOR)

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF), state council of the International Association of Fire Fighters, representing over 30,000 career firefighting and emergency medical service personnel statewide, strongly supports and is pleased to sponsor ACR 102, which has been referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for consideration.

We respectfully request your "AYE" vote on ACR 102 when it comes before you.

This measure designates October 11, 2014, as California Firefighters Memorial Day and urges all Californians to honor the men and women who have given their lives to protect California.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for ACR 102.

Sincerely,

Christy Bouma
Governmental Advocate

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c: Assembly Member Fox

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 5, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 147

**Introduced by Assembly Members Dickinson and Logue
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Perea)**

May 6, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 147—Relative to Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 147, as amended, Dickinson. Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate November as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. The measure would recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state. The measure would also seek to afford all Californians the opportunity to understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and
2 enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and
3 WHEREAS, The Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first
4 entered California in 1899 legally through the Angel Island
5 Immigration Station in San Francisco, California; and
6 WHEREAS, The Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad
7 construction projects, and in lumber mills; and
8 WHEREAS, By 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the
9 Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial valleys; and

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1 WHEREAS, On October 14, 1912, the first Sikh temple
2 (Gurdwara) in the United States, the Sikh Temple Stockton, was
3 founded by Professor Teja Singh of the Pacific Coast Khalsa Diwan
4 Society; and

5 WHEREAS, There are now more than 100 Gurdwaras in the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The Stockton Record, dated November 22, 1915,
8 quoted the Gurdwara's elected leadership declaring, "We do not
9 permit our people to become charges on public charity. If a man
10 is hungry and out of funds we feed him. Our dining room is open
11 at all hours of the day and is closed only for a few hours during
12 the night. The unfortunate hungry American will be as welcome
13 as our own people"; and

14 WHEREAS, Legislation to authorize Sikhs to become *and other*
15 *East Indian immigrants to naturalize as* United States citizens was
16 not enacted until 1946; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1912, Jawala Singh and Wasakha
18 Singh, who migrated to California through Angel Island in 1908
19 and served as the founding Granthis of the Sikh Temple Stockton,
20 recognized the value of education, and started six Sri Guru Govind
21 Singh Educational Scholarships at the University of California,
22 Berkeley; and

23 WHEREAS, These scholarships were awarded without regard
24 to ethnicity or religion and the first awardees included three
25 Hindus, one Christian, one Sikh, and one Muslim; and

26 WHEREAS, Board and lodging was provided at the students
27 home at 1731 Allston Way, Berkeley, where smoking and drinking
28 were prohibited; and

29 WHEREAS, On November 1, 1913, Ghadar, the first
30 Punjabi-language newspaper in the United States, was published
31 by Kartar Singh Sarabha, who was then 17 years of age, with
32 financial support from the Stockton Gurdwara; and

33 WHEREAS, On December 31, 1913, Jawala Singh and Wasakha
34 Singh organized the Ghadri Conclave in Sacramento to form the
35 Ghadar Party to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian
36 subcontinent; and

37 WHEREAS, The Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India,
38 of whom 86 percent were Sikhs; and

1 WHEREAS, Homage is paid to them annually at a dozen
2 different gatherings (Melas) from Sacramento, California, to
3 Bakersfield, California; and

4 WHEREAS, The Sikh history and culture is represented in the
5 Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum
6 in Washington, D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of
7 Sutter County, and the Museum at the Sikh Temple Stockton; and

8 WHEREAS, Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards
9 production of peaches (Didar Singh Bains), raisins (Charanjeet
10 Singh Bath), ~~pistachio~~ *pistachios* (Mangar family), and okra and
11 other vegetables (Harbhajan S. Samra); and

12 WHEREAS, Sikhs have also excelled in security services (Akal
13 Security) and transportation services, and as doctors, attorneys,
14 engineers, teachers, and other notable capacities, and as small
15 business owners; and

16 WHEREAS, Dalip Singh Saund, a Sikh who was born in Punjab,
17 India, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of California,
18 Berkeley in 1924, initially worked as a foreman of cotton pickers
19 in the Imperial Valley, and later became a farmer, played a major
20 role in raising the funds needed to lobby for the Luce-Celler Act
21 of 1946 that enabled him and others to naturalize as citizens, and
22 served as an elected judge in the Westmoreland Judicial District
23 from 1952 to 1956, before becoming the first Asian American
24 elected to the United States Congress, wherein he served three
25 terms from 1957 to 1963; and

26 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have served as mayors of many
27 California cities, including, for example David Dhillon in El
28 Centro, Gurpal Samra in Livingston, Amarpreet “Ruby” Dhaliwal
29 in San Joaquin, Sonny Dhaliwal in Lathrop, and Kashmir Singh
30 Gill in Yuba City. Numerous Sikh Americans have served as
31 council members of California cities; and

32 WHEREAS, Bhagat Singh Thind, a Sikh born in Punjab, India,
33 who was a United States Veteran of World War I, who campaigned
34 actively for the independence of India from the British Rule, and
35 who supported Indian students and lectured on metaphysics
36 throughout the United States, has been honored by the Fred
37 Korematsu Institute as a “Race in the Courts Hero” for fighting
38 his citizenship case in the United States Supreme Court in 1923;
39 and

1 WHEREAS, Sikhs have served in all American wars since WWI;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Narinder Singh Kapany of Palo Alto, a Sikh born
4 in Punjab, India, is an accomplished scientist and inventor, who
5 has been awarded over 100 patents that spurred advances in lasers,
6 biomedical instrumentation, pollution monitoring, and solar energy,
7 and is widely acknowledged to be the father of fiber optics, a
8 technology that has allowed for high-speed digital communication;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Yuba City, often called “Mini-Punjab” because of
11 its 10 percent Punjabi population, commemorates the inauguration
12 of the holy Sikh scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib, on the first
13 Sunday of November, rain or shine, and this international event
14 has in recent years attracted up to 100,000 participants from all
15 over the United States, Canada, and even abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans throughout California celebrate
17 the coronation of Sikh scripture and other Sikh festivals at the
18 Gurdwaras and through parades in cities across California and the
19 United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Various Sikh organizations, including the Sikh
21 Council of Central California, the Sikh Coalition, the Sikh
22 American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Sikhs United,
23 Jakara, and individual Gurdwaras participate in interfaith meetings,
24 seminars, conferences, meetings, and functions and share the tenets
25 of their monotheistic religion that respects other religions and
26 welcome all to their Gurdwaras, and try to promote mutual
27 understanding and respect among all peoples; and

28 WHEREAS, The Sikh American community continues to make
29 significant contributions to the California and United States
30 economies and societies through military service, as business
31 owners, transportation professionals, doctors, attorneys, engineers,
32 teachers, farmers, and in a great many other notable capacities;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, the Sikhs are often
35 mistaken for terrorists of Osama bin Laden’s Al Qaida owing to
36 the commonality of beard and the turban, and subjected to a
37 disproportionately high rate of hate crimes, and Sikh boys suffer
38 bullying at twice the national bullying rate for other boys; and

39 WHEREAS, The Sikh American community continues to
40 peacefully overcome attacks on its identity and practices, whether

1 in the form of school harassment, employment discrimination, or
2 fatal shootings, including the murders of six Sikhs during the Oak
3 Creek Wisconsin Sikh Gurdwara shooting on August 5, 2012, as
4 well as the senseless murders of Surinder Singh and Gurmej Atwal
5 in Elk Grove, California, on March 4, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, The faithful service of the Sikh American
7 community to this state and country merits appreciation as an
8 integral thread in the fabric of American plurality; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
12 month of November to be California's Sikh American Awareness
13 and Appreciation Month; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges
15 the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage
16 to our state, and by adoption of this resolution, seeks to afford all
17 Californians the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and
18 appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans;
19 and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution to the
22 Members of the Legislature, members of the California Sikh
23 American community, and other interested organizations or
24 persons.

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Date of Hearing: August 11, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 147 (Dickinson/Logue) – As Amended: August 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

SUMMARY: Designates November as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month and would recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state. Specifically, this resolution makes the following findings:

- 1) California and our nation are blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and, the Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India first entered California in 1899 legally through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California.
- 2) Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad construction projects, and in lumber mills, but by 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial valleys.
- 3) In 1912, the first Sikh temple (Gurdwara) in the United States, the Sikh Temple of Stockton, was founded by professor Teja Singh of the Pacific Coast Khalso Diwan Society and now there are more than 100 Gurdwaras in the United States.
- 4) The Ghadar Party was organized and formed by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh , who migrated to California through Angel Island in 1908, to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian subcontinent; and the Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India, of whom 86 percent of Sikhs.
- 5) Sikh history and culture is represented in the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, and the Museum at the Sikh Temple Stockton.

- 6) Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards production of peaches, raisins, pistachios, and okra, and Sikhs have also excelled in security services, and transportation services, and as doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers, and other notable capacities including small business owners.

- 7) The faithful service of the Sikh American community to this state and country merits appreciation as an integral thread in the fabric of American plurality.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 3, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 161

**Introduced by Assembly Members ~~Conway and Logue~~ *Logue, Hall,
and Perea***

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Bigelow, Campos, Chesbro, Conway,
Gray, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Linder, Maienschein, Medina,
Mullin, Quirk-Silva, V. Manuel Pérez, and Waldron*)**

June 11, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to ~~horse racing.~~
California Chrome.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 161, as amended, ~~Conway Logue.~~ *Horse racing—California
Chrome—California Chrome: thoroughbred horse racing.*

This measure would recognize the outstanding performance of California Chrome during his remarkable run for thoroughbred horse racing's Triple Crown, and, in particular, for his tremendous victories in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, would recognize and congratulate the many Californians who are part of the ownership group, breeding and training cadre, and other essential elements that led to his success, and would recognize the storied history of thoroughbred horse racing in California, the Cal-bred Program, and its contributions to job creation and the state's economy.

~~This measure would recognize the performance of California Chrome during his run for horse racing's Triple Crown, including his victories in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, would recognize and congratulate the many Californians who are part of his ownership group, breeding and training cadre, and other essential elements that led to the~~

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success of California Chrome, and would recognize the history of horse racing in California and its contributions to job creation and the state's economy.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has a long and proud thoroughbred
 2 racing history, dating back some 160 years. In particular, the
 3 Central Valley has been the birthplace of champions since the
 4 1880s. California Chrome, born and raised at Harris Farms in
 5 Coalinga, continues that tradition and has become an outstanding
 6 representative of his namesake state; and

7 WHEREAS, California horse racing today accounts for an
 8 estimated 50,000 jobs, 148,000 thoroughbred horses, and a \$2.5
 9 billion impact on the state's economy. Combining athleticism,
 10 grace, beauty, and speed, this sport reaches millions of fans
 11 worldwide and carries priceless positive impressions of what
 12 California has to offer; and

13 WHEREAS, The Kentucky Derby is the world's most famous
 14 horse race and part of the celebrated Triple Crown of
 15 thoroughbred horse racing for three-year-old horses only. Along
 16 with the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, these three classics are
 17 the races that horse owners, breeders, trainers, and jockeys all
 18 dream of winning; and

19 WHEREAS, This spring, California Chrome won the 140th
 20 Kentucky Derby and 139th Preakness Stakes, the first time a
 21 California-bred colt swept the first two legs of the Triple Crown.
 22 Both victories ended lengthy droughts for the state's racing
 23 industry. California Chrome became the fourth California-born
 24 Derby winner and first since 1962 and California's fifth Preakness
 25 winner and first since 1986; and

26 WHEREAS, It takes a very special horse to reach national
 27 prominence by winning multiple races at multiple tracks across
 28 the country. In his career so far, California Chrome has won races
 29 at California's Hollywood Park, Del Mar, and Santa Anita Park,
 30 in addition to Kentucky's Churchill Downs and Maryland's Pimlico
 31 Race Course at distances from 4¹/₂ furlongs to 1¹/₄ miles; and

32 WHEREAS, Among California Chrome's eight career victories
 33 there was a six-stakes win streak featuring such milestones as the
 34 King Glorious Stakes, the final stakes event held at Hollywood

1 *Park, and the \$1 million Santa Anita Derby as well as the Kentucky*
2 *Derby and the Preakness Stakes; and*

3 *WHEREAS, California Chrome, a chestnut-colored horse as*
4 *golden as his home state, transcended thoroughbred horse racing*
5 *to become an international phenomenon not just with his brilliant*
6 *speed and winning ways, but due to his heart-warming story and*
7 *the people who make up his team; and*

8 *WHEREAS, California is a state where people are unafraid to*
9 *dream big and that's in part what inspired four fans to cross over*
10 *into horse ownership and become first-time breeders. An*
11 *inspiration to the "little guys" everywhere, Perry and Denise*
12 *Martin of Yuba City and Steve and Carolyn Coburn of Topaz Lake,*
13 *Nevada, became partners in a mare, Love the Chase, who they*
14 *bought from a syndicate for \$8,000. After someone scoffed at their*
15 *perceived foolishness, the couples named their new venture "Dumb*
16 *Ass Partners (D.A.P.) Racing"; and*

17 *WHEREAS, The partners sent their lone mare to Harris Farms*
18 *to be bred and chose the stallion Lucky Pulpit, owned by Mr. and*
19 *Mrs. Larry Williams. California Chrome is Love the Chase's first*
20 *foal. Before the colt was born, Steve Coburn vividly dreamed about*
21 *the big chestnut colt with four white legs and distinctive blaze and*
22 *felt sure the newborn was destined for greatness; and*

23 *WHEREAS, After a difficult birth, the mare was nursed back to*
24 *health by the excellent and attentive veterinary staff at Harris*
25 *Farms. This hands-on care also imprinted a love for people on*
26 *her intelligent and precocious son nicknamed "Junior."*
27 *Developing his mind and body, California Chrome spent his first*
28 *two years at Harris Farms, where he was groomed to be a*
29 *racehorse; and*

30 *WHEREAS, When it came time to start racing, the partners sent*
31 *their only racehorse to trainer Art Sherman with the proclamation*
32 *that this was "his Derby horse" and a suggested road map of races*
33 *to qualify. Sherman's prior Derby experience was as the exercise*
34 *rider for California-bred 1955 Kentucky Derby winner Swaps.*
35 *Coincidentally, California Chrome is Swaps'*
36 *great-great-great-great grandson; and*

37 *WHEREAS, California Chrome, as he prepared for the Triple*
38 *Crown trail, gained his foundation and experience in the lucrative*
39 *Golden State Series for Cal-bred horses, confirming the value and*
40 *significance of the state's breeding program; and*

1 WHEREAS, Art Sherman, at 77 years of age, became the oldest
2 trainer to win the Kentucky Derby. California Chrome also became
3 the first Derby and Preakness winner trained at Los Alamitos Race
4 Course in Cypress, California; and

5 WHEREAS, Success is the result of teamwork and California
6 Chrome's campaign is no exception. Jockey Victor Espinoza guided
7 the colt to those six straight stakes wins. Assistant trainer Alan
8 Sherman served as his father's right-hand man and accompanied
9 their Triple Crown candidate for six weeks on the road; and

10 WHEREAS, Groom Raul Rodriguez became California Chrome's
11 constant companion, attending to his every need. Exercise rider
12 Willie Delgado made sure the colt paid attention to his morning
13 lessons; and

14 WHEREAS, California Chrome's Triple Crown bid fell short
15 when he injured a hoof at the start of the 146th Belmont Stakes,
16 yet valiantly finished tied for fourth only $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths from victory.
17 That loss did not diminish his amazing accomplishments; and

18 WHEREAS, In any sport, it takes an extraordinary athlete to
19 become a household name. California Chrome joined a short list
20 of such equine superstars as Seabiscuit and Secretariat with
21 cross-over appeal and the ability to make new fans as evidenced
22 by his thousands of "Chromies"; and

23 WHEREAS, California Chrome became, as Art Sherman said,
24 a "California rock star" and the latest example that California
25 dreams can come true; and

26 WHEREAS, California Chrome's grit, determination, and heart
27 carried him far beyond this state; it made California Chrome
28 "America's horse"; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
30 CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, That
31 the Legislature recognizes the outstanding performance of
32 California Chrome during his remarkable run for thoroughbred
33 horse racing's Triple Crown, and, in particular, for his tremendous
34 victories in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes; and be
35 it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates
37 the many Californians who are part of the ownership group,
38 breeding and training cadre, and other essential elements that led
39 to the success of California Chrome; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, *That the Legislature recognizes the storied history*
2 *of thoroughbred horse racing in California, the Cal-bred Program,*
3 *and its important contributions to job creation and the state's*
4 *economy that result from a vibrant California thoroughbred horse*
5 *racing industry; and be it further*

6 RESOLVED, *That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*
7 *copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

8 WHEREAS, Few California-bred horses may claim to winning
9 any one of the Triple Crown races — the Kentucky Derby, the
10 Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes — as 1,800 foals are born
11 in California compared to 20,000 foals in Kentucky; and

12 WHEREAS, Four “California-bred” horses, including a horse
13 named California Chrome, may boast a Kentucky Derby win, and
14 no California horse has won the Triple Crown; and

15 WHEREAS, California Chrome’s upbringing is a story that
16 embodies the very best of California’s horse racing traditions and
17 landscape as he was foaled in the horse breeding division of Harris
18 Ranch, the state’s largest beef producer; and

19 WHEREAS, California Chrome’s mother, Love the Chase, was
20 an unfortunate racing filly purchased by Steve Coburn of Topaz
21 Lake, Nevada and Perry Martin of Yuba City, who together own
22 Martin Testing Laboratories located at the McClellan Business
23 Park in Sacramento; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Coburn and Mr. Martin purchased Love the
25 Chase outright for a paltry sum of \$8,000, a transaction that
26 prompted someone to say that “only a fool would buy Love the
27 Chase,” and, as such, Mr. Coburn and Mr. Perry formed a company
28 aptly named Dumb Ass Partners, or DAP; and

29 WHEREAS, DAP retired Love the Chase in 2009, bred her with
30 the equally unimpressive Lucky Pulpit, and together the two horses
31 sired California Chrome, who was born in 2011 with four white
32 stockings and a white stripe down his face, features that horse
33 aficionados call “chrome”; and

34 WHEREAS, California Chrome bears many unique
35 characteristics, including him appearing to deliberately stop and
36 pose for cameras as he hears them clicking while walking in the
37 stable area, which prompted his exercise rider, Willie Delgado, to
38 give him an additional nickname, “Vogue”; and

39 WHEREAS, Another unusual characteristic is that California
40 Chrome refuses to walk forward out of horse vans when the

1 transport vehicle is designed for a forward exit, preferring to back
2 out instead; and

3 WHEREAS, As a two-year-old, California Chrome raced several
4 times at Los Angeles' Hollywood Park, San Diego's Del Mar
5 Racetrack, and Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, where he won some
6 races and finished sixth in others; and

7 WHEREAS, Jockey Victor Espinoza and California Chrome
8 had been unstoppable together, with a six-race winning streak that
9 included the Golden State Juvenile Stakes, California Cup Derby,
10 the San Felipe Stakes, and the Santa Anita Derby; and

11 WHEREAS, The pair dazzled fans during this year's Kentucky
12 Derby and Preakness Stakes, where California Chrome won by 1
13 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, California Chrome gained nationwide appeal, but
15 the core of his fan base was centered in the Central Valley of
16 California, where the Sacramento television market ranked sixth
17 in the nation for television viewership for the Preakness Stakes,
18 and third in the nation for the Belmont Stakes; and

19 WHEREAS, Local followers of California Chrome in the Central
20 Valley, also called "Chromies," liked that purple was a color on
21 the horse's racing silks, similar to the team colors of the
22 Sacramento Kings; and

23 WHEREAS, Eleven horses entered the Belmont Stakes, and
24 California Chrome drew post position number two, the same post
25 position of former Triple Crown winner Secretariat in the 1973
26 Belmont; and

27 WHEREAS, Out of the gates, California Chrome was stepped
28 on by the horse next to him, tearing off a "chunk" of his hoof, yet
29 despite this most unfortunate occurrence, California Chrome
30 finished in a dead heat for fourth with Wicked Strong; and

31 WHEREAS, As a result of his unique pedigree and remarkable
32 racing accomplishments, California Chrome has been dubbed
33 "America's Horse," has earned over \$3.4 million in earnings, and
34 has tremendously benefited the state's \$34 billion horse racing
35 industry; now, therefore be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the outstanding
38 performance of California Chrome during his remarkable run for
39 horse racing's Triple Crown, and, in particular, for his tremendous

1 victories in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes; and be
2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the
4 many Californians who are part of the ownership group, breeding
5 and training cadre, and other essential elements that led to the
6 success of California Chrome; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the storied history of
8 horse racing in California, and horse racing's important
9 contributions to job creation and the state's economy that result
10 from a vibrant California horse racing industry; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
12 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 11, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 161 (Logue, et. al) – As Amended: July 3, 2014

SUBJECT: California Chrome.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the outstanding performance of California Chrome during his remarkable run for thoroughbred horse racing's Triple Crown, and, in particular, for his tremendous victories in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. Also, recognizes the many Californians who are part of the ownership group, breeding, and training cadre that led to his success and would recognize the storied history of thoroughbred horse racing in California. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has a long and proud thoroughbred racing history and in particular, the Central Valley has been the birthplace of champions since the 1880's with California Chrome born and raised at Harris Farms in Coalinga, continues that tradition.
- 2) California horse racing today accounts for an estimated 50,000 jobs, 148,000 thoroughbred horses, and a \$2.5 billion impact on the state's economy.
- 3) California Chrome, a chest-nut colored horse as golden as his home state, transcended thoroughbred horse racing to become an international phenomenon not just with his brilliant speed and winning ways, but due to his heart-warming story and the people who make up his team; and, California Chrome became the first California-bred colt to sweep the first two legs of the Triple Crown.
- 4) Success is the result of teamwork and California Chrome's campaign is no exception and Jockey Victory Espinoza guided the colt to those six straight wins and assistant trainer Alan Sherman served as his father's right-hand man and accompanied their Triple Crown candidate for six weeks on the road.

- 5) California Chrome's Triple Crown bid fell short when he injured a hoof at the start of the 146th Belmont Stakes, yet valiantly finished tied for fourth only 1 ³/₄ lengths from victory, but that loss does not diminish his amazing accomplishments.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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