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CONSENT AGENDA

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REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/25/2014

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

Assembly Bill No.

[ACR 175](#)

[HR 55](#)

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 8/25/14
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary HR 55 has been added.



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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 11, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande

February 21, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 105, as amended, Nestande. Legislature: Wounded Warrior Program.

Existing law authorizes certain internship and fellowship programs, as specified.

~~This measure would establish the Wounded Warrior Program within the Legislature, modeled after the *honor the achievements of the United States House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program, which shall create fellowship opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans to work in the offices of Members of the Assembly, Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate. This measure would require the Wounded Warrior Program to be administered by the Joint Rules Committee and funded by the Operating Funds of the Assembly and Senate. Program and would encourage the Assembly Committee on Rules to study the potential of implementing similar programs in the Legislature.*~~

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 *WHEREAS, The federal Wounded Warrior Program was*
- 2 *established in 2008 by the United States House of Representatives*
- 3 *to create employment opportunities in the United States House of*

1 *Representatives for wounded or disabled veterans returning from*
 2 *military service; and*

3 *WHEREAS, The federal program is intended to serve as an*
 4 *example to businesses that wounded or disabled veterans are*
 5 *capable of performing great work and being productive employees;*
 6 *and*

7 *WHEREAS, The federal program makes available fifty fellowship*
 8 *positions around the United States in the district offices of Members*
 9 *of the United States House of Representatives; and*

10 *WHEREAS, The two-year federal fellowships provide veterans*
 11 *with experience and exposure to broaden their career*
 12 *opportunities. Whenever possible, the veterans selected to*
 13 *participate in the federal program are given the opportunity to*
 14 *transition into full-time employment; and*

15 *WHEREAS, A person is eligible to participate in the federal*
 16 *program if he or she served on active duty since September 11,*
 17 *2001, has fewer than 20 years of military service, and has received*
 18 *either a Memorandum Rating of 30 percent or greater from his or*
 19 *her service Physical Evaluation Board or a VA service-connected*
 20 *disability rating of 30 percent or greater; and*

21 *WHEREAS, The unemployment rate for disabled veterans is*
 22 *markedly higher than the general population; and*

23 *WHEREAS, The Council of Economic Advisors published a*
 24 *study in November 2013 indicating that the unemployment rate*
 25 *for post-9/11 veterans stands at ten percent and increases to 12.5%*
 26 *for those with major disabilities; and*

27 *WHEREAS, The federal program has been a tremendous success*
 28 *during the six years that it has been in existence and has opened*
 29 *new career paths to many wounded and disabled veterans; now,*
 30 *therefore, be it*

31 **RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF**
 32 **CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, That**
 33 *the Legislature honors the achievements of the federal Wounded*
 34 *Warrior Program and encourages the Assembly Committee on*
 35 *Rules to study the potential of implementing similar programs in*
 36 *the Legislature.*

37 ~~*WHEREAS, The federal Wounded Warrior Program, which is*~~
 38 ~~*administered by the Chief Administrative Officer of the United*~~
 39 ~~*States House of Representatives, was established to provide*~~

1 employment opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans in the
2 United States House of Representatives.

3 WHEREAS, a person is eligible to apply for a position with the
4 federal program if he or she is a disabled veteran who has served
5 on active duty since September 11, 2001, has fewer than 20 years
6 of military service, and has received either a Memorandum Rating
7 of 30 percent or greater from his or her service Physical Evaluation
8 Board or a VA service-connected disability rating of 30 percent
9 or greater. An applicant for the federal program must also have
10 been honorably discharged and possess a high school diploma or
11 GED certificate.

12 WHEREAS, a wounded or disabled veteran who is selected for
13 the federal program is employed by the Office of the Chief
14 Administrative Officer of the United States House of
15 Representatives for a two-year fellowship and is placed in the
16 office of a Member or committee of the United States House of
17 Representatives.

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to establish a Wounded
19 Warrior Program in this state, modeled after the federal program,
20 to provide fellowship opportunities for wounded or disabled
21 veterans to work in the offices of Members of the Assembly,
22 Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate.

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby establishes the
25 Wounded Warrior Program within the Legislature, modeled after
26 the United States House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior
27 Program, which shall create fellowship opportunities for wounded
28 or disabled veterans to work in the office of Members of the
29 Assembly, Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate;
30 and be it further

31 *Resolved,* That the Wounded Warrior Program shall be
32 administered by the Joint Rules Committee and funded by the
33 Operating Funds of the Assembly and Senate; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 25, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 105 (Nestande) – As Amended: August 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Wounded Warrior Program.

SUMMARY: This measure would honor the achievements of the United States House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program and would encourage the Assembly Committee on Rules to study the potential of implementing similar programs in the Legislature. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The federal Wounded Warrior Program was established in 2008 by the United States House of Representatives to create employment opportunities in the United States House of Representatives for wounded or disabled veterans returning from military service.
- 2) The federal program makes available fifty fellowship positions around the United States in the district offices of Members of the United States House of Representatives. The federal program is intended to serve as an example to businesses that wounded or disabled veterans are capable of performing great work and being productive employees.
- 3) The unemployment rate for disabled veterans is markedly higher than the general population. The Council of Economic Advisors published a study in November 2013 indicating that the unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans stands at ten percent and increases to twelve and a half percent for those with major disabilities. The federal program has been a tremendous success during the six years that it has been in existence and has opened new career paths to many wounded and disabled veterans.

FISCAL EFFECT: None.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Mukhtar Ali / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 175

Introduced by Assembly Member Ian Calderon

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Alejo, Ammiano, Atkins, Bigelow, Bloom, Bocanegra, Bonilla, Bonta, Bradford, Brown, Buchanan, Campos, Chau, Chávez, Chesbro, Conway, Cooley, Dababneh, Dahle, Daly, Dickinson, Donnelly, Eggman, Fong, Fox, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Garcia, Gatto, Gomez, Gonzalez, Gordon, Gorell, Gray, Hagman, Hall, Harkey, Roger Hernández, Holden, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Linder, Logue, Lowenthal, Maienschein, Mansoor, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Nestande, Olsen, Pan, Patterson, Perea, John A. Pérez, V. Manuel Pérez, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Rendon, Ridley-Thomas, Rodriguez, Salas, Skinner, Stone, Ting, Wagner, Waldron, Weber, Wieckowski, Wilk, Williams, and Yamada)

August 20, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 175—Relative to Red Ribbon Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 175, as introduced, Ian Calderon. Red Ribbon Week.

This measure would proclaim October 23 to October 31, 2014, as Red Ribbon Week, and would encourage all Californians to help build drug-free communities and participate in drug prevention activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (CADFY),
- 2 a statewide parent-community organization, the office of the
- 3 Governor, the office of the Attorney General, the State Department

1 of Education, the California Parent Teacher Association, and over
2 100 other statewide agencies, departments, and organizations have
3 been strong advocates for Red Ribbon Week; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership, Inc., initiated
5 the Red Ribbon Campaign after Drug Enforcement Administration
6 Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was killed in Mexico by drug
7 traffickers in 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, Parents, youths, schools, businesses, law
9 enforcement, religious institutions, service organizations, senior
10 citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and others
11 concerned about the effects of drugs on our communities will
12 demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by
13 wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong
14 celebration; and

15 WHEREAS, The theme of this year’s effort is “Love Yourself.
16 Be Drug Free”; and

17 WHEREAS, Securing a safe and healthy future for our children
18 is directly threatened by drug abuse, and awareness of this problem
19 will help individuals in fighting drug abuse; and

20 WHEREAS, The objective of Red Ribbon Week 2014 will be
21 to promote this view through drug prevention, education, parental
22 involvement, and communitywide support; and

23 WHEREAS, The Assembly of the State of California has further
24 committed its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon
25 Week celebration; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims its
28 support for the Red Ribbon Week celebration by proclaiming the
29 period of October 23 to 31, 2014, inclusive, as Red Ribbon Week;
30 and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
32 help build drug-free communities and to participate in drug
33 prevention activities by making a visible statement that we are
34 firmly committed to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles;
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the Governor, and to the author for appropriate
38 distribution throughout the state.

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Date of Hearing: August 25, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 175 (Ian Calderon) – As Introduced: August 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Red Ribbon Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims October 23 to October 31, 2014, as Red Ribbon Week and would encourage all Californians to help build drug-free communities and participate in drug prevention activities. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (CADFY), a statewide parent-community organization, the office of the Governor, the office of the Attorney General, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the State Department of Education, the California Parent Teacher Association, and over 100 other agencies are cosponsoring October 23 to 31, 2014, inclusive, as the period that includes Red Ribbon Week.
- 2) Red Ribbon Week was initiated by the National Family Partnership, Inc., after Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was killed in Mexico by drug traffickers in 1985.
- 3) During Red Ribbon Week, parents, youths, schools, businesses, law enforcement, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and others concerned about the effects of drugs on their communities will wear and display red ribbons during this weeklong celebration to show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.
- 4) The theme this year is "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free;" and, securing a safe and healthy future for our children is directly threatened by drug abuse. Awareness of this problem will help individuals in fighting drug abuse while promoting education, drug prevention, and parental involvement.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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