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Tuesday, September 01, 2015  
9:50 AM  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

09/01/2015

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

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Committee:

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/31/2015  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.



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**House Resolution**

**No. 30**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Eggman, Cristina Garcia, and  
Irwin)**

August 27, 2015

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House Resolution No. 30—Relative to the first female graduates of the United States Army Ranger School.

1 WHEREAS, Women have proudly served in the Armed Forces  
2 of the United States (Armed Forces) throughout our nation's  
3 history; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past century, women have been gradually  
5 authorized to serve in more advanced roles in the Armed Forces,  
6 and, with each milestone, from the 1901 inception of the U.S.  
7 Army Nurse Corps, to the passage of the Women's Armed Services  
8 Integration Act of 1948, making women a permanent part of the  
9 military, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
10 Years 1992 and 1993, repealing laws preventing women from  
11 flying combat aircrafts, female soldiers have demonstrated their  
12 bravery, their dedication, and their patriotism; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite women's advancement in the military,  
14 women have been banned from front-line combat positions, and  
15 yet, in the past decade of conflict, the distinction between  
16 noncombat and combat roles has blurred, as over 300,000 women  
17 have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001, where  
18 152 women in uniform have been killed, including 84 who were  
19 in hostile action, and approximately 1,000 have been wounded;  
20 and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the changing reality of the modern  
2 battle field as well as the exemplary performance of female  
3 soldiers, in 2013, the Pentagon lifted the ban on women in combat  
4 and gave military leaders until the end of 2015 to recommend  
5 which jobs should remain male only; and

6 WHEREAS, As a result, the Army opened up its elite Ranger  
7 School, the Army's premier combat leadership course, to female  
8 soldiers for the first time this year as a pilot program; and

9 WHEREAS, 19 female and 380 male soldiers began the course,  
10 and included within this group were Captain Kristen Griest, a  
11 military police platoon leader who has served one tour of duty in  
12 Afghanistan, and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver, an Apache  
13 helicopter pilot, both graduates of the United States Military  
14 Academy at West Point; and

15 WHEREAS, The grueling Ranger School identifies and trains  
16 one of our nation's elite combat forces, focusing on military skills,  
17 endurance, and survival techniques, and exposing candidates to  
18 extreme mental and physical stress; and

19 WHEREAS, Although, for the first time, both male and female  
20 soldiers were part of the Ranger School class, the same standards  
21 for successful completion of the Ranger School were required of  
22 all soldiers, regardless of gender; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Griest and First Lieutenant Haver  
24 successfully completed the Ranger course with 94 other Ranger  
25 candidates; and

26 WHEREAS, On August 21, 2015, Captain Griest and First  
27 Lieutenant Haver became the first two female soldiers to graduate  
28 from the Ranger School paving the way for future generations of  
29 Army Rangers, and our nation's other elite combat forces, to finally  
30 be selected from the ranks of all top soldiers, regardless of gender;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Despite this barrier-breaking accomplishment of  
33 Captain Griest and First Lieutenant Haver, these trailblazers,  
34 because they are female, are not yet permitted to join Army Ranger  
35 battalions, or to serve in the infantry or any other special operations  
36 post, yet both have expressed their desire that the Army end this  
37 policy; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
39 Assembly urges the Pentagon to allow Captain Griest, First  
40 Lieutenant Haver, and any other qualified female soldier to serve

1 in the Army Rangers and other combat units of the armed services;  
2 and be it further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes and honors the  
4 patriotism, dedication, and perseverance of Captain Griest and  
5 First Lieutenant Haver and the historic importance of their  
6 achievement to the advancement of women in the Armed Forces;  
7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: September 1, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard Gordon, Chair  
HR 30 (Atkins) – As Introduced August 27, 2015

**SUBJECT:** First female graduates of the United States Army Ranger School.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes and honors the patriotism, dedication, and perseverance of Captain Griest and First Lieutenant Haver and the historic importance of their achievement to the advancement of women in the Armed Forces. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women have proudly served in the Armed Forces of the United States throughout our nation's history and over the past century, women have been gradually authorized to serve in more advanced roles in the Armed Forces. With each milestone, from the 1901 inception of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, to the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, making women a permanent part of the military, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993, repealing laws preventing women from flying combat aircrafts, female soldiers have demonstrated their bravery, their dedication, and their patriotism.
- 2) Despite women's advancement in the military, women have been banned from front-line combat positions, yet in the past decade of conflict, the distinction between noncombat and combat roles have been blurred, as over 300,000 women have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001, where 152 women have been killed, including 84 who were in hostile action, and approximately 1,000 have been wounded.
- 3) In recognition of the changing reality of the modern battle field as well as the exemplary performance of female soldiers, in 2013, the Pentagon lifted the ban on women in combat and gave military leaders until the end of 2015 to recommend which jobs should remain male only.
- 4) This resulted in the Army opening up its elite Ranger School, the Army's premier combat leadership course, to female soldiers for the first time this year as a pilot program.
- 5) On August 21, 2015, Captain Griest and First Lieutenant Haver became the first two female soldiers to graduate from the Ranger School paving the way for future generations of Army Rangers, and our nations' other elite combat forces, to finally be selected from the ranks of all top soldiers, regardless of gender.
- 6) Despite this barrier-breaking accomplishment of Captain Griest and First Lieutenant Haver, these trailblazers, because they are female, are not yet permitted to join Army Ranger battalions, or to serve in the infantry or any other special operations post, yet both have expressed their desire that the Army end this policy.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**COMMENTS:** This resolution recognizes and honors the first female Soldiers to attend and graduate from the elite Army Ranger School. Women have served in the United States' military

in some capacity since the Revolutionary War, some even going to the extreme of disguising themselves as men so that they could serve. The role of women in the military has also greatly evolved in the direction of female service members serving in more and more of the same jobs as males. This resolution honors these Soldiers for their personal accomplishment and for their trailblazing as the first female Soldiers to graduate from the school. To a degree the resolution also recognizes that the Army continues to examine whether or not it makes sense to retain different roles, treatment, and opportunities for female and male Soldiers. Finally, the resolution urges the Army and the entire Department of Defense to continue to evaluate whether the traditional roles of male and female service members should be retained.

**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 Senator Hall  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Mendoza)  
(Coauthors: Senators Lara, Leyva, and Mitchell)**

August 17, 2015

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to the Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 85, as introduced, Hall. Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

This measure would recognize the month of November 2015 as the Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are 136,000 skilled nursing home  
2 professionals in California, of which 47,000 workers deliver quality  
3 institutional care to our most vulnerable residents, including  
4 seniors, adults, and children with disabilities in California; and  
5 WHEREAS, The number of seniors requiring long term care  
6 will drastically increase as the number of Californians who are 65  
7 years of age or older is estimated to grow to nine million people  
8 in the next 15 years; and  
9 WHEREAS, All nursing home residents deserve quality care  
10 and their direct care professionals merit a safe working environment  
11 to help individuals recover from surgery and heal from trauma;  
12 and

1 WHEREAS, Nursing home caregivers provide essential services  
2 to residents that maintain the highest practicable physical, mental,  
3 and psychosocial well being of the people they serve; and

4 WHEREAS, A fundamental part of providing quality long term  
5 care is having a sufficient number of direct care staff available to  
6 build rapport with consumers and treat consumers in a dignified  
7 manner; and

8 WHEREAS, The work of nursing home caregivers often goes  
9 unnoticed, as do the financial struggles caregivers and their families  
10 experience in order to provide this lifeline service to those in need;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Increasing the number of nursing home caregivers  
13 in facilities across the state is an integral part of quality care; and

14 WHEREAS, Providing long-term care workers with a living  
15 wage will generate the demand for goods and services in the local  
16 economy, stimulate increased employment opportunities, and drive  
17 workers and their families one step closer to getting out of poverty;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
21 November 2015 as Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and  
22 Long Term Care Provider Month, and that the Legislature stands  
23 united with nursing home direct care professionals, acknowledging  
24 the essential work and contributions they bring to counties and  
25 cities of the state and supporting their efforts to lift themselves  
26 and their communities out of poverty; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: September 1, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard Gordon, Chair  
SCR 85 (Hall) – As Introduced August 17, 2015

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of November 2015 as the Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There are 136,000 skilled nursing home professionals in California, of which 47,000 workers deliver quality institutional care to our most vulnerable residents, including seniors, adults, and children with disabilities in California.
- 2) The number of seniors requiring long term care will drastically increase as the number of Californians who are 65 years of age or older is estimated to grow to nine million people in the next 15 years.
- 3) Nursing home caregivers provide essential services to residents that maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial wellbeing of the people they serve.
- 4) The work of nursing home caregivers often goes unnoticed, as do the financial struggles caregivers and their families experience in order to provide this lifeline service to those in need.
- 5) Providing long-term care workers with a living wage will generate the demand for goods and services in the local economy, stimulate increased employment opportunities, and drive workers and their families one step closer to getting out of poverty.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

SEIU Local 2015

**Opposition**

None on file

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



August 31, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon  
Assemblymember, 24th District  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 85 – Sponsor**

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

On behalf of the 315,000 Long Term Care Workers, especially the 17,000 nursing home members we represent, we thank you for authoring Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 85, by declaring the month of November as Nursing Home Caregiver Month this resolution acknowledges the essential work and contributions made by nursing home workers to our state.

California's skilled nursing facilities employ 136,000 professionals, of which more than 47,000 direct caregivers deliver quality institutional care to our most vulnerable residents. Seniors, adults, and children with disabilities rely on this workforce to maintain their highest practical, mental, and psychosocial well-being.

By 2030, the number of seniors, of at least 65 years old, is projected to increase to 9 million in California. The nursing home workforce will continue to be a fundamental part of providing quality long term care for our aging population. Ensuring residents have the adequate number of direct care staff available to build rapport and treat them in a dignified manner must be a key principle upheld by our state's elected leaders. Furthermore, supporting an increase in the number of caregivers in facilities across the state is an integral part of quality care.

Again, thank you for introducing SCR 85, a resolution that brings light to the contributions of nursing home caregivers who often go unnoticed and under-appreciated. For these reasons, SEIU Local 2015 is proud to sponsor SCR 85.

Sincerely,

Laphonza Butler, Provisional President  
SEIU Local 2015

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
ASSEMBLY CONTRIBUTION FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE**

**Issue:**

Should the maximum amount the Assembly contributes for the cost of employees' medical insurance coverage be increased by an average of 6.4% for the 2016 calendar year?

**Background:**

The Assembly Rules Committee establishes the maximum, monthly employer contribution toward the cost of employees' medical insurance premiums.

The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) contracts with the insurance carriers offering plans available to Assembly employees. Premiums for these medical insurance plans are increasing between 3.5% and 13.6% effective January 1, 2016. Increases for the most popular plans range between 4.5% and 6.9%.

By increasing the Assembly's employer contribution rate an average of 6.4% for 2016, the employer contribution will cover the full cost of the premiums for the most popular medical insurance plans.

**Recommendation:**

Approve.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

**Issue:**

Should the Assembly's contract with Delta Dental be extended for two years?

**Background:**

Delta Dental is the largest dental insurance carrier in California and has been the Legislature's provider since 1977. Members, employees, and their dependents are covered under the program.

The current contract expires September 30, 2015. Based upon the Assembly's utilization, Delta Dental has proposed a two-year contract renewal with a 4% premium reduction with no changes in covered benefits.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the Delta Dental contract renewal for two years.