Assembly Concurrent Resolution   No. 81

Introduced by Assembly Members Torrico and Adams

June 15, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Yellow Ribbon Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 81, as introduced, Torrico. Yellow Ribbon Week.

This measure would declare the week of June 29 through July 5, 2009, Yellow Ribbon Week to show support for military families and for troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon America Campaign was
2 founded in February 2003, as a nonpartisan, grassroots effort to
3 unite all Americans in directly helping our nation's military
4 members and their families during wartime. The concept is a simple
5 one, locals helping locals. Local businesses, residents, churches,
6 and community groups focusing their resources on helping military
7 members and their families in their communities; and
8 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America's unique community
9 outreach program has made great strides on behalf of America's
10 military members and their families, gaining sponsorship from
11 state legislatures and from both the Republican and Democratic
12 parties. This joint effort with local politics has given Yellow
13 Ribbon America a unique edge in helping to establish a nonpartisan
14 effort that has organized hundreds of communities in assisting
15 their local military; and

1   WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America is a proud National
2 Community Outreach Partner for the federal Defense Department's
3 "America Supports You" and Military Severely Injured Center's
4 "Heroes to Hometowns" programs. America Supports You
5 spotlights efforts by American citizens and industries to support
6 the nation's men and women in uniform. Heroes to Hometowns
7 is designed to welcome home service members who, because of
8 injuries sustained, can no longer serve in the military. In creating
9 a positive transition home, Heroes to Hometowns inspires
10 community growth and establishes a support network for service
11 members and their families that allows them to ease into their
12 hometown or new surroundings. The Yellow Ribbon America
13 Community Outreach Campaign for America's Military & their
14 Families is a sponsored project of the America's Heroes
15 Foundation. The America's Heroes Foundation is a tax-exempt,
16 nonprofit organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code;
17 and
18   WHEREAS, The week of June 29 through July 5, 2009, is being
19 recognized as Yellow Ribbon Week in California in support of
20 military families and our troops who are defending our country;
21 and
22   WHEREAS, It is very difficult for military families who have
23 loved ones in the very dangerous conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan
24 who are fighting for freedom for all; and
25   WHEREAS, Because of the importance of demonstrating
26 support for military families and troops during this very difficult
27 time, the week of June 29 through July 5, 2009, has been
28 designated to publicly show support for these individuals; and
29   WHEREAS, Ceremonial activities have been planned to bring
30 people together to commemorate Yellow Ribbon Week in support
31 of military families and our troops; and
32   WHEREAS, Californians are proud of our troops and their
33 families, and appreciate the great sacrifice they are making to
34 assure freedom for all; now, therefore, be it
35   *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California,
37 in support of military families and their loved ones who are
38 defending our country and fighting for the preservation of freedom
39 for all, does hereby proclaim the week of June 29 through July 5,
40 2009, Yellow Ribbon Week, a special week for Californians to

1 extend their sincerest appreciation for the sacrifices military
2 families and our troops are making and to commemorate our troops
3 and their families with ceremonial activities; and be it further
4   *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly distribute copies
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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