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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 81

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 81, as amended, 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

1 unite all Americans in directly helping our nation's military
2 members and their families during wartime. The concept is a simple
3 one, locals helping locals. Local businesses, residents, churches,
4 and community groups focusing their resources on helping military
5 members and their families in their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America's unique community
7 outreach program has made great strides on behalf of America's
8 military members and their families, gaining sponsorship from
9 state legislatures and from both the Republican and Democratic
10 parties. This joint effort with local politics has given Yellow
11 Ribbon America a unique edge in helping to establish a nonpartisan
12 effort that has organized hundreds of communities in assisting
13 their local military; and

14 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America is a proud National
15 Community Outreach Partner for the federal Defense Department's
16 "America Supports You" and Military Severely Injured Center's
17 "Heroes to Hometowns" programs. America Supports You
18 spotlights efforts by American citizens and industries to support
19 the nation's men and women in uniform. Heroes to Hometowns
20 is designed to welcome home service members who, because of
21 injuries sustained, can no longer serve in the military. In creating
22 a positive transition home, Heroes to Hometowns inspires
23 community growth and establishes a support network for service
24 members and their families that allows them to ease into their
25 hometown or new surroundings. The Yellow Ribbon America
26 Community Outreach Campaign for America's Military & their
27 Families is a sponsored project of the America's Heroes
28 Foundation. The America's Heroes Foundation is a tax-exempt,
29 nonprofit organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, The week of June 29 through July 5, 2009, is being
32 recognized as Yellow Ribbon Week in California in support of
33 military families and our troops who are defending our country;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, It is very difficult for military families who have
36 loved ones in the very dangerous conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan
37 who are fighting for freedom for all; and

38 WHEREAS, Because of the importance of demonstrating
39 support for military families and troops during this very difficult

1 time, the week of June 29 through July 5, 2009, has been
2 designated to publicly show support for these individuals; and

3 WHEREAS, Ceremonial activities have been planned to bring
4 people together to commemorate Yellow Ribbon Week in support
5 of military families and our troops; and

6 WHEREAS, Californians are proud of our troops and their
7 families, and appreciate the great sacrifice they are making to
8 assure freedom for all; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California,
11 in support of military families and their loved ones who are
12 defending our country and fighting for the preservation of freedom
13 for all, does hereby proclaim the week of June 29 through July 5,
14 2009, Yellow Ribbon Week, a special week for Californians to
15 extend their sincerest appreciation for the sacrifices military
16 families and our troops are making and to commemorate our troops
17 and their families with ceremonial activities; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly distribute copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.