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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 74

Introduced by Senator Correa

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to senior volunteers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 74, as amended, Correa. Senior Volunteer Month.

This measure would declare May 2010 ~~to be~~ as “Senior Volunteer Month” to honor the contributions of California’s senior volunteers.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each May, Americans observe Older Americans
- 2 Month and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of
- 3 older Americans; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Many local governments have proclaimed May to
- 5 be Older Americans Month; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Senior volunteers serve congregate and
- 7 home-delivered meals, engage in assisted senior activities, work
- 8 for the prevention of elder abuse, and provide health care
- 9 counseling, legal assistance, and transportation; and

1 WHEREAS, Volunteer work is performed for Alzheimer's
2 patients, grandchildren, community organizations, schools,
3 churches, hospitals, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, ~~A national survey in 1999~~ *In 1999, a national*
5 *survey* showed senior citizens' volunteer work hours totaled
6 approximately 5.5 billion hours a year at an estimated value of
7 \$71.2 billion. Forty-five percent of seniors reported volunteering
8 in neighborhoods, 54 percent of senior volunteers were either full-
9 or part-time employed, and 45 percent of retired seniors
10 volunteered four or more hours weekly. Eighty-one percent of
11 those individuals over 75 years of age volunteer when asked; and

12 WHEREAS, Many local governments, nonprofit organizations,
13 and senior centers recognize senior volunteers once a year by
14 providing honorary certificates; and

15 WHEREAS, Many senior volunteers are in better health and
16 live longer due to advancements in medical science; and

17 WHEREAS, A major motivator for senior volunteers is their
18 desire to give back to society financially or socially; and

19 WHEREAS, The 2005 White House Conference on Aging
20 resolved to "develop a national strategy for promoting new and
21 meaningful volunteer activities and civil engagements for current
22 and future seniors" because volunteerism is very important to the
23 fabric of American society; and

24 WHEREAS, The 2005 White House Conference on Aging
25 resolved to "reauthorize the National and Community Service Act
26 of 1990 to expand opportunities for volunteer and civic engagement
27 activities" because volunteerism greatly assists many nonprofit
28 organizations; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2010 ~~to be~~
31 *as* "Senior Volunteer Month" to honor the contributions of
32 California's senior volunteers; and be it further

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