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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 74

Introduced by Senator Gaines
(~~Coauthor: Senator Alquist~~)
(Coauthors: Senators Alquist and Rubio)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 74, as amended, Gaines. Brain Injury Awareness Month.

This measure would designate March 2012 as Brain Injury Awareness Month, and applaud the Brain Injury Association of California for its contributions toward educating Californians on matters pertaining to traumatic brain injury.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated 1.7 million Americans
2 sustain a traumatic brain injury; and
3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, In California, each year nearly 200,000 people are
7 treated and released from emergency departments and over 30,000
8 more are hospitalized with a primary or secondary diagnosis of
9 nonfatal traumatic brain injury; and

1 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of motor
2 vehicle crashes, falls, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or
3 occupational injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
5 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
6 members of the military and their families; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
8 Prevention estimates that as many as 3.8 million
9 sports-and-recreation-related concussions occur in the United
10 States annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The likelihood of suffering a concussion while
12 playing a contact sport is estimated to be as high as 19 percent per
13 year of playing, and occurs across all age groups and between both
14 genders; and

15 WHEREAS, Football presents the greatest concussion risk for
16 males, with a 75-percent chance of concussion, and soccer presents
17 the greatest concussion risk for females, with a 50-percent chance
18 of concussion; and

19 WHEREAS, An injury that happens in an instant can bring a
20 lifetime of physical, cognitive, and behavioral challenges; and

21 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
22 education and support to families and individuals with traumatic
23 brain injury to help them live as independently as possible through
24 community integration; and

25 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
26 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote
27 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
28 and prevention of traumatic brain injury; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designate March 2012 as
31 Brain Injury Awareness Month, and applaud the Brain Injury
32 Association of California for its invaluable contributions toward
33 educating the citizens of our great state on matters pertaining to
34 traumatic brain injury prevention, treatment, resources, supports,
35 and assistance; and be it further

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

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