

House Resolution

No. 42

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

May 20, 2014

House Resolution No. 42—Relative to the Scottish-American Military Society.

1 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society was
2 founded in 1981 as a nonprofit veteran’s organization composed
3 of those who have served, including active duty personnel, in the
4 United States or Commonwealth Armed Forces. Members generally
5 have a Scottish heritage; and

6 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society was
7 founded to promote and preserve Scottish and United States Armed
8 Forces customs, traditions, and heritage through educational
9 programs, awards, and charitable contributions, as well as
10 supporting military and community activities; and

11 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society is a
12 national organization with posts throughout the United States,
13 including three posts in California, which are located in Northern
14 California, Los Angeles, and San Diego, and actively support
15 veteran and community functions within those geographic areas;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society appreciates
18 the service and sacrifice of those who served in the Vietnam War
19 by providing a color guard and bagpipers for annual Vietnam
20 welcome home ceremonies, the Reading of the Names ceremony,
21 and other events at the official California Vietnam Veterans
22 Memorial in Capitol Park, as well as providing similar services

1 for visits of the Moving Wall, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
2 replica; and

3 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society values its
4 Scottish heritage by providing color guards, bagpipers and heavy
5 athletics competitors, as well as an information tent at nearly all
6 Scottish Highland games and festivals throughout the state; and

7 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society honors
8 the commitment of those serving in the Armed Forces of the United
9 States, and participates in welcome home ceremonies when troops
10 return from duty assignments, and in numerous Memorial Day and
11 Veterans Day parades and ceremonies; and

12 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society appreciates
13 the service and sacrifice of those who served in the military by
14 fundraising for a new national cemetery at Fort Ord, and
15 participates in events at veterans' homes, such as the Veterans'
16 Home of California in Yountville; and

17 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society reveres
18 the sacrifice of those veterans who have passed on, it meets the
19 return of military personnel who have been killed in action and
20 honors their service, and it additionally provides honor guards and
21 flag lines at military funeral services for any veteran of any service
22 regardless of age; and

23 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society values
24 the education of young people, it seeks opportunities to share
25 knowledge and ideas as guest speakers, providing awards,
26 certificates, and medals in school classrooms and at local cadet
27 drills to those who demonstrate significant accomplishments and
28 leadership ability, such as those in the United States Naval Sea
29 Cadets Corps, the Junior ROTC, and the Boy Scouts and Girl
30 Scouts of America; and

31 WHEREAS, The Scottish-American Military Society respects
32 the culture of the United States, it provides color guards and
33 marching units for local Fourth of July and Christmas parades, as
34 well as for ceremonies onboard the World War II Liberty Ship
35 S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien, the USS Hornet, and the Spirit of '45
36 observances; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
38 people of the State of California join with the California Assembly
39 in recognizing the contributions of the Scottish-American Military
40 Society to the veterans of California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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