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Introduced by Senator Beall

April 17, 2013

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 37, as introduced, Beall. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2013 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 120 rheumatic diseases  
2 and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints,  
3 and other connective tissue; and  
4 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, and  
5 can limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing; and  
6 WHEREAS, An estimated 50 million adults, or approximately  
7 one in five adults, in the United States are living with some form  
8 of doctor-diagnosed arthritis or a related disease or condition; and  
9 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of  
10 age, or approximately one in 250 children, in the United States  
11 have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition; and  
12 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the  
13 nation’s leading cause of physical disability among Americans  
14 over 15 years of age; and  
15 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more  
16 than \$128 billion each year in lost wages and health care costs;  
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis results in approximately 992,100  
2 hospitalizations and 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

3 WHEREAS, In California there are more than 5.3 million people  
4 living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and  
6 older, representing 25 percent of the population of the United  
7 States, will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent  
11 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on  
12 Californians; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May  
14 2013 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of  
15 the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care  
16 for all Californians; and be it further

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