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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 37

Introduced by Senator Beall

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April 17, 2013

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 37, as amended, 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 100 rheumatic diseases
- 2 and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints,
- 3 and other connective tissue; and

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, and
2 can limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 50 million adults, or approximately
4 one in five adults, in the United States are living with some form
5 of doctor-diagnosed arthritis or a related disease or condition; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of
7 age, or approximately one in 250 children, in the United States
8 have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition; and

9 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the
10 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans
11 over 15 years of age; and

12 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
13 than \$128 billion each year in lost wages and health care costs;
14 and

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

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

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

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature understands the extent*
25 *of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on*
26 *Californians; and be it further*

27 *Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May*
28 *2013 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of*
29 *the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care*
30 *for all Californians; and be it further*

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