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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 104

**Introduced by Senator Huff
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April 1, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 104—Relative to Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 104, as amended, Huff. Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week. This measure would declare the third week of September 2014, and the third week of September in each subsequent year, as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Few people know of mitochondrial disease, yet
2 every 30 minutes a child is born who will develop this disease by
3 10 years of age; and

4 WHEREAS, There is no cure for mitochondrial disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease is often misdiagnosed; and

6 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease occurs when mitochondria
7 inside of cells, responsible for creating more than 90 percent of
8 the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth,
9 fail to carry out their primary functions; and

10 WHEREAS, When mitochondria fail, less and less energy is
11 generated within the cell; and

12 WHEREAS, If this process is repeated throughout the body,
13 whole systems begin to fail, and the life of the person in whom
14 this is happening is severely compromised; and

15 WHEREAS, The disease primarily affects children; and

16 WHEREAS, Diseases of the mitochondria appear to cause the
17 most damage to cells of the brain, heart, liver, skeletal muscles,
18 kidneys, and the endocrine and respiratory systems; and

19 WHEREAS, Common symptoms include muscle weakness and
20 pain, gastrointestinal disorders, poor growth, cardiac disease, liver
21 disease, diabetes, respiratory problems, seizures, visual and hearing
22 problems, and susceptibility to infection; and

23 WHEREAS, Because so little is known about the disease, there
24 are only a few hospitals in the world that offer treatment, causing
25 affected families to travel regularly or even relocate to receive
26 treatment; and

27 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease is progressive, likely
28 terminal, and requires a high level of care and extremely expensive
29 medical treatment that often exceeds covered insurance benefits,
30 creating great financial burdens on affected families; and

31 WHEREAS, The third week of September is observed globally
32 as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim the
35 third week of September 2014, and the third week of September
36 each subsequent year, as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week;
37 and be it further

- 1 Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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