

House Resolution

No. 62

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House Resolution No. 62—Relative to the Navasartian Games.

1 WHEREAS, The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts,
2 referred to as Homenetmen, is a nonprofit organization with 30,000
3 members in five continents. Homenetmen was founded in 1918,
4 and currently has 18 chapters with over 7,000 members in the
5 Western Region of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, It is Homenetmen’s mission to prepare exemplary
7 and law abiding citizens by providing physical and health
8 education, endowing the mind and soul with the finest spirit of
9 sportsmanship, and developing and understanding responsibility
10 and honor; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the first chapter in the United States was
12 established in Los Angeles in 1968, Homenetmen has provided
13 Armenian American youth with moral, physical, and social
14 education and has exposed the youth to the Armenian culture and
15 heritage. The Homenetmen experience is one of lasting association,
16 altruism, and benevolence, and Homenetmen’s motto, “Elevate
17 yourself and others with you,” is a constant reminder of the
18 fundamental objective of this organization; and

19 WHEREAS, Homenetmen in the Western United States has
20 over 3,200 athletic members who compete in local league
21 competitions as well as major regional athletic programs. These
22 programs are organized and implemented with the help of many
23 selfless parent volunteers who help put programs together for

1 basketball, volleyball, soccer, track and field, tennis, swimming,
2 gymnastics, chess, karate, and table tennis; and

3 WHEREAS, The Homenetmen athletic program eschews the
4 spirit of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork, while it instills
5 a strong sense of individual identity; and

6 WHEREAS, The Homenetmen scouting program provides the
7 Armenian American youth with moral, physical, and social
8 education, exposes scouts to the wealth and treasure of the
9 Armenian culture and heritage, and strives to prepare outstanding
10 law abiding Armenian American citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the most prestigious medals that any
12 Homenetmen scout is able to earn is the St. Mesrob emblem.
13 Introduced in conjunction with the Western Prelacy of the
14 Armenian Apostolic Church and the Boy Scouts of America, this
15 emblem honors the fifth century inventor of the Armenian alphabet,
16 Mesrop Mashtots; and

17 WHEREAS, The annual Navasartian Games, Homenetmen's
18 largest athletic event, comprise numerous sports, including
19 basketball, volleyball, soccer, ping-pong, track and field,
20 swimming, chess, and softball; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
22 Assembly recognizes the significance of youth sports and the
23 Navasartian Games' impact on Armenian American youth living
24 in California and throughout the United States; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.