

Introduced by Senator Mendoza
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 110, as introduced, Mendoza. Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of March 2016, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month, and would encourage public officials and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year, 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic
- 2 brain injuries; and
- 3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
- 4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Each year, 250,000 people in California sustain a
- 7 traumatic brain injury; and
- 8 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor
- 9 vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational
- 10 injuries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with
- 12 disabilities related to traumatic brain injury; and

1 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-
3 and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States
4 annually; and

5 WHEREAS, Significant national attention has been drawn to
6 this issue due to the prominence and visibility of scholarship that
7 has identified repeated concussions and brain injury as leading to
8 negative long-term health outcomes; and

9 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
10 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
11 members of the military and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury
13 Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided
14 new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in
15 children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, Research, treatment, and support help speed
18 recovery from a traumatic brain injury; and

19 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
20 education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury
21 and their families to help those individuals integrate into the
22 community and live as independently as possible; and

23 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
24 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote
25 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
26 and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and to remind people
27 with traumatic brain injuries and their families that they are not
28 alone; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
31 March 2016, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness,
32 Treatment, and Prevention Month, and encourages public officials
33 and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate
34 activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,
35 treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries;
36 and be it further

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

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