

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 117

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 46, Karnette. Cancer awareness: William "Walkin' Willie" Croker.

This measure would commend William "Walkin' Willie" Croker for his efforts to promote the need for cancer screening.

WHEREAS, William "Walkin' Willie" Croker, a resident of Pico Rivera and a gas station attendant, has increased public awareness of the importance of cancer checkups by undertaking over 24,000 miles of long-distance journeys on foot; and

WHEREAS, Walkin' Willie lost his mother, father, and sister to cancer in the 1970s and, prior to her death, he made a promise to his mother that he would spread the news of the importance of early cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, Walkin' Willie believes that many deaths from cancer could be prevented by early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, In 1974 Walkin' Willie began his first trek as he made his way from Artesia, California to Las Vegas, Nevada to demonstrate the suffering that cancer patients go through when they undergo radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Walkin' Willie walked 3,200 miles in his first cross-country trip from Hawaiian Gardens, California to Washington, D.C. to publicize the need for cancer checkups; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Walkin' Willie walked from Los Angeles to Sacramento to publicize the need for cancer checkups; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Walkin' Willie again walked from the West Coast to Washington, D.C., where he met with President George Bush, to publicize the need for cancer checkups, and also crossed the Colorado Rockies; and

WHEREAS, Walkin' Willie's most recent walk will begin on July 4, 1997, when he will walk 128 miles across Death Valley, California, in temperatures up to 130 degrees; and

WHEREAS, Walkin' Willie's journeys are financed by donations from individuals and businesses and from the proceeds of a film titled "Walkin' Willie: A Man and His Dream"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That William "Walkin' Willie" Croker's efforts to



promote the awareness of the need for cancer screening among the people of California, the United States, and the world should be commended and supported.

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