

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 122

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 49

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 122, Torlakson. Mentor Appreciation Day.

This measure would designate May 1 of each year as Mentor Appreciation Day.

WHEREAS, Many of our young people do not have adequate time with adults to help them make sense of our increasingly fast-paced, rapidly-changing world; and

WHEREAS, One-on-one time with a concerned and attentive adult has been demonstrated to increase self-esteem, bolster self-discipline, and raise grades; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring has been shown to fortify many youths' incentives to stay away from the all-too-common lures of adolescence: drugs, alcohol, gangs, guns, and early parenthood; and

WHEREAS, Resilient youth are able to resist destructive behaviors, and resiliency comes from receiving caring and support from loving people, receiving high expectations from others, and meaningfully participating in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, These experiences foster the two skills of social competence and ability to solve problems, and the two beliefs of autonomy and a sense of purpose; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring has been demonstrated to be instrumental in creating resiliency in young people; and

WHEREAS, The song "Mentor" by Daniel-Hill-Daniel coalesces the spirit of building self-reliance and creating community which mentoring engenders; and

WHEREAS, May has previously been established as Mentoring Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That May 1 of each year be known as Mentor Appreciation Day, with "Mentor" as the theme song so that businesses, agencies, and the media may focus positive attention on the thousands of individuals who give selflessly of their time throughout the year, and be it further



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

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