

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 111

**Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Berg)**

March 3, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to Senior Volunteer Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 111, as introduced, Huffman. Senior Volunteer Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2008 as Senior Volunteer Month to honor the contributions of California senior volunteers.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each May, Americans observe Older Americans
2 Month and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of
3 older Americans; and
4 WHEREAS, Many local governments have proclaimed May as
5 Older Americans Month; and
6 WHEREAS, Senior volunteers serve congregate and home
7 delivered meals, engage in assisted senior center activities, work
8 for the prevention of elder abuse, and provide health care
9 counseling, legal assistance, and transportation; and
10 WHEREAS, Volunteer work is performed for Alzheimer's
11 disease patients, grandchildren, community organizations, schools,
12 churches, hospitals, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, A 1999 national survey showed senior citizen
2 volunteer work hours totaled approximately 5.5 billion hours per
3 year for a \$71.2 billion dollar value; and

4 WHEREAS, Of the senior citizens surveyed in the 1999 national
5 survey, 45 percent reported volunteering in neighborhoods, 54
6 percent reported either full or part time employment, 45 percent
7 of the retired seniors reported volunteering four or more hours per
8 week, and 81 percent of those over 75 years of age reported
9 volunteering when asked; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2005 White House Conference on Aging
11 resolved to reauthorize the National and Community Service Act
12 to expand opportunities for volunteer and civil engagement
13 activities because volunteerism greatly assists many nonprofit
14 organizations; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
17 recognizes May 2008 as Senior Volunteer Month to honor the
18 contributions of California senior volunteers; and be it further

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