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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 57

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to acupuncture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 57, as amended, Eng. Acupuncture.

This measure would proclaim April 23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and would encourage all Californians to consider the use of acupuncture.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Acupuncture has been used in Asian countries for
- 2 thousands of years to preserve health; and

1 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is widely used to diagnose, treat, and
2 prevent illness; and

3 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is a noninvasive, gentle, and proven
4 health care system; and

5 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is recognized as a primary health
6 care profession in California; and

7 WHEREAS, The potential benefits of acupuncture are widely
8 recognized; and

9 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is steadily being integrated into
10 mainstream health care; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 15,000,000 Americans have turned to
12 acupuncture and Asian medicine since it was introduced in this
13 country in the 1970s; and

14 WHEREAS, There is more access to this medicine in California
15 than any other state in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, California has the highest education standards for
17 acupuncturists of any state in the country; and

18 WHEREAS, The risk of side effects from acupuncture are very
19 low and the potential benefits are very high; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health has found that
21 there are many health situations wherein the efficacy of
22 acupuncture is indicated; and

23 WHEREAS, More and more Californians are finding help in
24 this evidence-based and proven medical system; and

25 WHEREAS, An increasing number of health care service plans
26 and health insurers are recognizing the value of acupuncture to
27 their enrollees and insureds; and

28 WHEREAS, Many Californians have come to rely on
29 acupuncturists as their first choice of health care practitioners for
30 low-risk, cost effective, and reliable health care; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims April
34 23, 2009, as California Acupuncture Day, and encourages all
35 Californians to consider the use of acupuncture; and be it further

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

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