

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 87

Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman

July 24, 2009

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 87, as introduced, Huffman. Human rights: Iran.

This measure would describe recent protests in Iran concerning their presidential election and would proclaim the Legislature's support for all Iranian American citizens of California, their families in Iran, and for all people of Iran who embrace the values of freedom, human rights, and civil liberties.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The people of Iran held a presidential election on
- 2 June 12, 2009, and the result of that election was widely disputed;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, The people of Iran protested the election's results,
- 5 and the government responded with violence and the suppression
- 6 of protests calling for a fair and free election; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The President of the United States stated, "the
- 8 rights of the Iranian people—to assemble, to speak freely, to have
- 9 their voices heard—those are universal aspirations, and their
- 10 bravery in the face of brutality is a testament to their enduring
- 11 pursuit of justice"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Howard
- 13 Berman of the House of Representatives stated, "we must reaffirm

1 our strong belief that the Iranian people have a fundamental right
2 to express their views about the future of their country freely, and
3 without intimidation”; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Iran are entitled to fundamental
5 rights described in the United Nations Declaration of Human
6 Rights: the right to freedom of expression, to assembly, and to
7 take part in the government of their country; and

8 WHEREAS, The rule of law affirms the universality of these
9 individual rights; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature extends its support for
12 the universal rights of the people of Iran, as declared in the United
13 Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and expresses support for
14 all Iranian American citizens of California, their families in Iran,
15 and the people of Iran who embrace the values of freedom, human
16 rights, and civil liberties; and be it further

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