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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 171**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gaines**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to Yellow Ribbon Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 171, as amended, Gaines. Yellow Ribbon Week.

This measure would declare the week of June 28 through July 4, 2010, Yellow Ribbon Week to show support for military families and for troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon America Campaign was
- 2 founded in February 2003, as a nonpartisan, grassroots effort to
- 3 unite all Americans in directly helping our nation's military

1 members and their families during wartime. The concept is a simple  
2 one, locals helping locals. Local businesses, residents, churches,  
3 and community groups focusing their resources on helping military  
4 members and their families in their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America’s unique community  
6 outreach program has made great strides on behalf of America’s  
7 military members and their families, gaining sponsorship from  
8 state legislatures and from both the Republican and Democratic  
9 parties. This joint effort with local politics has given Yellow  
10 Ribbon America a unique edge in helping to establish a nonpartisan  
11 effort that has organized hundreds of communities in assisting  
12 their local military; and

13 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America is a proud National  
14 Community Outreach Partner for the federal Defense Department’s  
15 “America Supports You” and Military Severely Injured Center’s  
16 “Heroes to Hometowns” programs. America Supports You  
17 spotlights efforts by American citizens and industries to support  
18 the nation’s men and women in uniform. Heroes to Hometowns  
19 is designed to welcome home service members who, because of  
20 injuries sustained, can no longer serve in the military. In creating  
21 a positive transition home, Heroes to Hometowns inspires  
22 community growth and establishes a support network for service  
23 members and their families that allows them to ease into their  
24 hometown or new surroundings. The Yellow Ribbon America  
25 Community Outreach Campaign for America’s Military & their  
26 Families is a sponsored project of the America’s Heroes  
27 Foundation. The America’s Heroes Foundation is a tax-exempt,  
28 nonprofit organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The week of June 28 through July 4, 2010, is being  
31 recognized as Yellow Ribbon Week in California in support of  
32 military families and our troops who are defending our country;  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, It is very difficult for military families who have  
35 loved ones in the very dangerous conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan  
36 who are fighting for freedom for all; and

37 WHEREAS, Because of the importance of demonstrating  
38 support for military families and troops during this very difficult  
39 time, the week of June 28 through July 4, 2010, has been  
40 designated to publicly show support for these individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, Ceremonial activities have been planned to bring  
2 people together to commemorate Yellow Ribbon Week in support  
3 of military families and our troops; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians are proud of our troops and their  
5 families, and appreciate the great sacrifice they are making to  
6 assure freedom for all; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California,  
9 in support of military families and their loved ones who are  
10 defending our country and fighting for the preservation of freedom  
11 for all, does hereby proclaim the week of June 28 through July 4,  
12 2010, Yellow Ribbon Week, a special week for Californians to  
13 extend their sincerest appreciation for the sacrifices military  
14 families and our troops are making and to commemorate our troops  
15 and their families with ceremonial activities; and be it further

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