

House Resolution

No. 42

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

August 28, 2012

House Resolution No. 42—Relative to Red Ribbon Week.

1 WHEREAS, Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (CADFY),
2 a statewide parent-community organization, the office of the
3 Governor, the office of the Attorney General, the State Department
4 of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the State Department of Education,
5 the California Parent Teacher Association, and over 100 other
6 statewide agencies, departments, and organizations are
7 cosponsoring October 22 to 31, 2012, as the period that includes
8 Red Ribbon Week; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership, Inc. initiated the
10 Red Ribbon Campaign after Drug Enforcement Administration
11 Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was killed in Mexico by drug
12 traffickers in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, Parents, youths, schools, businesses, law
14 enforcement, religious institutions, service organizations, senior
15 citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and others
16 concerned about the effects of drugs on our communities will
17 demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by
18 wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong
19 celebration; and

20 WHEREAS, The theme of this year’s effort is “Drug Free is the
21 Key”; and

22 WHEREAS, Securing a safe and healthy future for our children
23 is directly threatened by drug abuse, and awareness of this problem
24 will help individuals in fighting drug abuse; and

1 WHEREAS, The objective of Red Ribbon Week 2012 will be
2 to promote this view through drug prevention, education, parental
3 involvement, and communitywide support; and

4 WHEREAS, The Assembly of the State of California has further
5 committed its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon
6 Week celebration; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
8 Assembly hereby proclaims its support for the Red Ribbon Week
9 celebration by proclaiming the period of October 22 to 31, 2012,
10 as including Red Ribbon Week; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Assembly encourages all Californians to help
12 build drug-free communities and to participate in drug prevention
13 activities by making a visible statement that we are firmly
14 committed to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles; and be
15 it further.

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