

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Yellow Ribbon Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 80, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Yellow Ribbon Week.

This measure would declare the week of September 5 through September 11, 2011, 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
4 members and their families during wartime. The concept is a simple
5 one, locals helping locals, with local businesses, residents,
6 churches, and community groups focusing their resources on
7 helping military members and their families in their communities;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America's unique community
10 outreach program has made great strides on behalf of America's
11 military members and their families, gaining sponsorship from

1 state legislatures and from both the Republican and Democratic
2 parties. This joint effort with local politics has given Yellow
3 Ribbon America a unique edge in helping to establish a nonpartisan
4 effort that has organized hundreds of communities in assisting
5 their local military; and

6 WHEREAS, Yellow Ribbon America is a proud National
7 Community Outreach Partner for the federal Defense Department's
8 "America Supports You" and Military Severely Injured Center's
9 "Heroes to Hometowns" programs. America Supports You
10 spotlights efforts by American citizens and industries to support
11 the nation's men and women in uniform. Heroes to Hometowns
12 is designed to welcome home service members who, because of
13 injuries sustained, can no longer serve in the military. In creating
14 a positive transition home, Heroes to Hometowns inspires
15 community growth and establishes a support network for service
16 members and their families that allows them to ease into their
17 hometown or new surroundings. The Yellow Ribbon America
18 Community Outreach Campaign for America's Military & their
19 Families is a sponsored project of the America's Heroes
20 Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, The week of September 5 through September 11,
22 2011, is being recognized as Yellow Ribbon Week in California
23 in support of military families and our troops who are defending
24 our country; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Because of the importance of demonstrating
29 support for military families and troops during this very difficult
30 time, the week of September 5 through September 11, 2011, has
31 been designated to publicly show support for these individuals;
32 and

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

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

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California,

1 in support of military families and their loved ones who are
2 defending our country and fighting for the preservation of freedom
3 for all, does hereby proclaim the week of September 5 through
4 September 11, 2011, Yellow Ribbon Week, a special week for
5 Californians to extend their sincerest appreciation for the sacrifices
6 military families and our troops are making and to commemorate
7 our troops and their families with ceremonial activities; and be it
8 further
9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly distribute copies
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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