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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 159

Introduced by Assembly Members Gorell and Ma

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159—Relative to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 159, as amended, Gorell. Postsecondary education: military veterans.

This measure encourages California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to consider and adopt the American Council on Education credit recommendations to give veterans due credit for their military experience.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are over 1.4 million Americans actively
2 serving in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; and

3 WHEREAS, Veterans represent a broad spectrum of our society
4 that include older students with work and family responsibilities,
5 students whose college entry has been delayed, first-generation
6 students, and students with lower and middle socioeconomic
7 statuses; and

8 WHEREAS, Veterans returning from overseas combat encounter
9 many obstacles to reentering society such as posttraumatic stress
10 disorder, depression, anxiety, and other medical conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Veterans have gained valuable skills through their
12 military training and combat experience; and

13 WHEREAS, Some of this experience is firsthand experience in
14 much needed professions such as emergency medicine, engineering,
15 and law enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, The G.I. Bill gives veterans the ability to enroll in
17 postsecondary education courses after returning from service; and

18 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States enacted the
19 Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Public
20 Law 110-252) to encourage returning veterans to attain a college
21 education by covering the cost of tuition and providing other
22 incentives; and

23 WHEREAS, The American Council on Education credit
24 recommendations are strong indicators of military experience and
25 knowledge acquired, and that experience should be counted toward
26 college credit; and

27 WHEREAS, More than 2,300 colleges and universities recognize
28 the American Council on Education endorsed transcripts as official
29 documentation of military experiences and accurate records of
30 applicable American Council on Education credit
31 recommendations; and

32 WHEREAS, Education has historically been viewed as the great
33 equalizer; and

34 WHEREAS, The California State Assembly and Senate value
35 military service; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That California Community Colleges, the
38 California State University, and the University of California are
39 encouraged to consider and adopt the American Council on
40 Education credit recommendations to give veterans due credit for

1 their military experience, which will result in more veterans
2 graduating from a public postsecondary educational institution,
3 and will help ensure the success of our veterans at our public
4 postsecondary educational institutions; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.

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