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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to California LGBT Veterans Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 153, as amended, Dickinson. California LGBT Veterans Day.

This measure would proclaim June 11, 2014, and June 11 of each subsequent year, California LGBT Veterans Day, to be celebrated statewide.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The 11th day of June has been declared California
- 2 LGBT Veterans Day in recognition of the importance of properly
- 3 thanking the many people of California who have served their
- 4 country while hiding their true selves due to the many policies

1 against military service while openly lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
2 transgender (LGBT); and

3 WHEREAS, During the times of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”
4 policy of the United States Armed Forces and other antihomosexual
5 policies that predated that policy, many service members in
6 honorable standing were ousted from military service and their
7 benefits removed when their LGBT status became known; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of California lost the ability to properly
9 recognize its many daughters and sons who served their country
10 through the provision of state benefits, recognition, and gratitude
11 for their service due to the dishonorable manner in which they
12 were expelled from the military; and

13 WHEREAS, Multiple forms of this manner of discrimination
14 have finally been eradicated from the ranks of our United States
15 Armed Forces and all forms of discrimination have been removed
16 from the ranks of the California Military Department, the California
17 National Guard and the State Military Reserve; and

18 WHEREAS, An appropriate way to acknowledge those who
19 have previously gone without the level of gratitude appropriate
20 towards United States veterans is to annually recognize those who
21 served to protect the freedom of speech for others while they
22 sacrificed it for themselves; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares June 11,
25 2014, and June 11 of each subsequent year, California LGBT
26 Veterans Day, to be celebrated statewide; and be it further

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