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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock
(Principal coauthor: Senator Perata)

March 7, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to youth organizations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 35, as amended, Hancock. California Police Activities League Day.

This measure would recognize April 11, 2005, as California Police Activities League Day in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Police Activities League was
2 founded in 1971 as a 501(c)(3) Public Benefit Corporation by a
3 group of police officers from ~~San Francisco, San Jose,~~
4 ~~Sacramento, Long Beach, and San Diego~~ *Long Beach,*
5 *Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose* whose
6 initial idea was to organize a statewide organization to serve the
7 youth of California through athletic programs; and

8 WHEREAS, For the first 20 years, these officers, with others
9 from various cities and municipalities around the state, met
10 biannually to share ideas, information, and procedures from their
11 local PAL programs and promote the PAL concept; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1991, The California Police Activities League,
13 expanded its mission to engage youth by bringing together youth
14 teams from local PAL and Sheriff's Activities League (SAL)

1 chapters throughout the state and holding its first annual
2 California Police Activities League Basketball tournament; and
3 building from that successful event, California PAL now
4 sponsors 19 boys and girls youth sporting events and other
5 enriching youth activities that are conducted in a safe, supervised
6 environment; and

7 WHEREAS, California PAL events are held at various
8 locations throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to
9 visit new places and broaden their horizons; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the years, California PAL has continued to
11 expand into the largest nonprofit police youth organization in the
12 state, and represents the leading juvenile delinquency prevention
13 effort in California; and

14 WHEREAS, Thanks to the hard work and efforts of countless
15 police officers and civilians coming together to focus on
16 providing the youth of California with positive alternatives to
17 negative lifestyles, California PAL now includes 130 local Police
18 and Sheriff’s Activities Leagues from throughout the State of
19 California, serving over 300,000 California youth annually;
20 making California PAL the largest state PAL in the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Recently, California PAL has made a concerted
22 effort to provide high-tech opportunities for its local PAL chapter
23 members to communicate, exchange ideas, track, and report data
24 and outcome measures and manage their PAL/SAL chapters
25 more effectively; and

26 WHEREAS, Those efforts also include providing youth with
27 opportunities to gain essential technology-based training and
28 skills for the 21st century workplace; and

29 WHEREAS, California PAL, at the request of the youth,
30 instituted a youth leadership program, the Youth Directors
31 Council, to develop youth leaders for each of the member
32 chapters, so they can propose strategy and programming for their
33 PAL/SAL chapters, and a five-day Life After High School
34 experience held at California State University Monterey Bay,
35 which instructs the students about college, careers, life skills, and
36 other important factors necessary for successful entry into adult
37 society; and

38 WHEREAS, For the past six years, California PAL has
39 annually introduced 200 to 300 youth to Sacramento by holding
40 its annual Sacramento Experience in which youth see the

1 government of California in operation by meeting their local
2 legislators, touring the Capitol, and even going on the Senate or
3 Assembly floor; and

4 WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings, California PAL has
5 grown into an organization that makes a lasting difference in the
6 lives of California youth and continues to make a strong
7 contribution in reducing juvenile crime and creating a safer
8 environment within the State of California; and

9 WHEREAS, California PAL's mission is to effect a substantial
10 reduction of juvenile crime in California through proactive
11 community policing, and California PAL's primary goal is to
12 assist Police and Sheriff's departments in establishing and
13 developing PAL/SAL chapters in every community in California,
14 thereby ensuring that all California youth have the opportunity to
15 participate in California PAL programs; and

16 WHEREAS, California PAL has become California's largest
17 juvenile crime prevention program in the State of California,
18 with the active participation of over 300,000 youth; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, that April 11, 2005, is hereby recognized as
22 California Police Activities League Day in the State of
23 California.