

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 34

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to Senior Volunteer Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 111, Huffman. Senior Volunteer Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2008 as Senior Volunteer Month to honor the contributions of California senior volunteers.

WHEREAS, Each May, Americans observe Older Americans Month and celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of older Americans; and

WHEREAS, Many local governments have proclaimed May as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Senior volunteers serve congregations and home delivered meals, engage in assisted senior center activities, work for the prevention of elder abuse, and provide health care counseling, legal assistance, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer work is performed for Alzheimer's disease patients, grandchildren, community organizations, schools, churches, hospitals, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, A 1999 national survey showed senior citizen volunteer work hours totaled approximately 5.5 billion hours per year for a \$71.2 billion dollar value; and

WHEREAS, Of the senior citizens surveyed in the 1999 national survey, 45 percent reported volunteering in neighborhoods, 54 percent reported either full or part time employment, 45 percent of the retired seniors reported volunteering four or more hours per week, and 81 percent of those over 75 years of age reported volunteering when asked; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 White House Conference on Aging resolved to reauthorize the National and Community Service Act to expand opportunities for volunteer and civil engagement activities because volunteerism greatly assists many nonprofit organizations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes May 2008 as Senior Volunteer Month to honor the contributions of California senior volunteers; and be it further

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

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