

Date of Hearing: April 26, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, TOURISM, AND
INTERNET MEDIA

Kansen Chu, Chair

ACR 64 (Frazier) – As Introduced April 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Special Olympics Day.

SUMMARY: Would proclaim May 8, 2017, as Special Olympics Day in California. Specifically, **this Resolution** makes the following findings:

- 1) In the 1950s and 1960s, Eunice Kennedy Shriver saw how unjustly people with intellectual disabilities were treated and decided to take actions that led to the creation of the Special Olympics.
- 2) Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to more than 5.3 million athletes and Unified Sports partners in 170 countries.
- 3) Through the power of sports, children and adults with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths, abilities, confidence, and success on the playing field and in life.
- 4) Special Olympics is the leading voice in raising awareness about the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities.
- 5) Special Olympics events bring together a large and inclusive community of athletes, families, supporters, coaches, volunteers, and many others.
- 6) Special Olympics is the world's largest public health organization for people with intellectual disabilities and offers a wide range of free health exams and care.
- 7) Special Olympics identifies the pressing issues facing those with intellectual disabilities, commissions and conducts high-level, externally validated scientific research, and reaches out to the highest leaders in government, health care, education, the nonprofit sector, and business to influence policy and to bring valuable services to those in need.
- 8) With support from the State of California, Special Olympics brought the power of Unified Sports to over 300 new California public schools this year bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities to train and compete on the same team, building friendships, character, and leadership.

FISCAL EFFECT: None. This Resolution is keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

COMMENTS: The Special Olympics, an organization founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968 that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics' global reach expands to 4.4 million athletes.

In California, Special Olympics of Northern California and Special Olympics of Southern California serve 59,000 athlete families, receive assistance from over 45,000 volunteers and 18,000 law enforcement volunteers, and benefit from 36,000 current donors.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

There is no support on file for this Resolution.

Opposition

There is no opposition on file for this Resolution

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