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HR-47 (2015-2016)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper

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April 04, 2016

Relative to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 47, as amended, Cooper.

WHEREAS, Sexual assault and sexual exploitation are major public concerns at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, One in two women and one in five men will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, California's rape crisis centers serve more than 32,000 survivors of sexual assault every year; and

WHEREAS, More than 8 million survivors of sexual violence live in California; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects Californians of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, and socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, Perpetrators of sexual violence must be held accountable for their crimes; and

WHEREAS, Public awareness and education about sexual violence and sexual exploitation are needed for every child, youth, and adult in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Building community intolerance for sexual violence requires the collective voices of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes represents a public testament to the power of men's voices in supporting survivors, holding perpetrators accountable, and building a community response against gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, The largest Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in the world is held in Sacramento, California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That April 23, 2016, be recognized as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly urges California's citizens to partner with their local rape crisis center to stand with survivors of sexual assault and build communitywide responses to gender-based violence; and be it further

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