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HR-83 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 83

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

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February 16, 2018

Relative to Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 83, as amended, Caballero.

WHEREAS, Drug overdoses are the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. Opioid addiction is driving the epidemic, with 18,893 overdose deaths related to prescription pain relievers and 10,574 overdose deaths related to heroin in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Four in five new heroin users start out misusing prescription painkillers and, as a consequence, the rate of heroin overdose deaths nearly quadrupled from 2000 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Each year, 900,000 teenagers will experiment with prescription drugs for the first time; and

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of all teenagers who abuse prescription drugs obtain those drugs from their home medicine cabinet or a friend's medicine cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Only 3 percent of households lock up their medications safely; and

WHEREAS, The number of emergency room visits for accidental poisonings among young children has tripled since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Since 2013, the month of March each year has been designated as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in California; and

WHEREAS, Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month activities continue to offer citizens of the state the opportunity to demonstrate their commitments to campaigns and education aimed at raising awareness about the abuse and misuse of prescription drugs, promoting safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, and using medications only as prescribed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That ~~during~~ *the Assembly hereby declares March 2018 as* Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness ~~Month, the Assembly~~ *Month and* encourages all citizens to ~~promote, and to educate their fellow citizens on, the importance of the safe storage of prescription drugs and the unintended consequences of not doing so;~~ *actively participate in drug abuse prevention programs and activities, and to safely store and dispose of their medications on a continual basis;* and be it further

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

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.