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SCR-62 Firearms: ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign. (2017-2018)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62

CHAPTER 145

Relative to firearms safety.

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SCR 62, Pan. Firearms: ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign.

This measure would proclaim June 21, 2017, as Asking Saves Kids Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming seven lives a day; and

WHEREAS, Children in the United States are more likely to die from gun violence than from cancer and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, One in three American homes with children has guns, and 1.7 million children live in a home with an unlocked, loaded gun; and

WHEREAS, The ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign encourages parents to add one more safety question to conversations before their child visits other homes, "Is there an unlocked gun in your house?"; and

WHEREAS, Asking this simple question before sending your child to another home could help save your child's life; and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that doctors and other health professionals have the right to ask patients about gun ownership and their Hippocratic oath obligates them to do so; and

WHEREAS, The hope is that asking will become a common health and safety question, offering a real, immediate solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect their families and children from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, The power of the ASK Campaign is that it brings together all Americans concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun violence a discussion about public safety, good parenting, and good medicine; and

WHEREAS, The first day of summer, the season in which kids typically spend more time at the homes of friends and family, is designated as National ASK Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims June 21, 2017, to be "ASK Day" and calls upon the people of California to recognize this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.