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ACR-31 California Community College Month. (2019-2020)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31

CHAPTER 51

Relative to California Community College Month.

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This measure would recognize April 2019 as California Community College Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges are an essential resource for the State of California, its people, and its economy; and

WHEREAS, California's 115 community colleges provide an excellent general educational foundation for more than 2.2 million students who transfer into the California State University system, the University of California system, and into independent colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, California, the fifth largest economy in the world, and the nation confront major challenges; by 2020, 65 percent of jobs in the United States will require some type of credential or degree beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges train students to be competitive in today's demanding workforce, providing the skills and knowledge students need to obtain a productive, higher-wage future, and supplying the state's fastest-growing industries with the skilled labor upon which their success depends; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges bring higher education within the reach of every Californian because of their open admissions, low enrollment fees, financial assistance for low-income students, academic and career guidance, excellent teaching by dedicated faculty, and specialized support services for students who need extra help with the transition to college or to the mastery of college-level coursework; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges has adopted the Vision for Success, a plan that articulates bold core commitments, including to focus relentlessly on students' goals and to always design and decide with the student in mind; and

WHEREAS, April is celebrated as Community College Month across the nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes April 2019 as California Community College Month, and commends the state's community colleges on providing opportunity and

excellence in higher education and workforce preparation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the residents of California to participate in public events held on their local community college campuses during California Community College Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the California Education Round Table, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and to the author for appropriate distribution.