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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

NO. 54

Introduced by Assembly Member Kamlager-Dove (Coauthors: Assembly Members Brough, Choi, Chu, Diep, Mathis, Nazarian, and Salas)

August 12, 2019

Relative to Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 54, as amended, Kamlager-Dove.

WHEREAS, Since the Revolutionary War and the founding of our great nation, military service members and veterans have been recognized as an important component of the well-being of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The arts and humanities are integral to the stature and recognition of the United States and the advancement and exchange of ideas, culture, and civilization throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Since the founding of the United States of America, veterans have participated in traditional artistic endeavors such as literature, poetry, theater, painting, illustration, music, and folk arts and crafts in both times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, The arts are not only utilized as a means of raising awareness about issues affecting veterans, but also serve as a therapeutic outlet for returning veterans as they transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The arts also foster an enhanced relationship between veterans and their community at home, providing an opportunity for their military experience to be combined with new skills that allow them to excel at jobs in the creative sector; and

WHEREAS, Veterans returning from the most recent conflicts are exploring careers in the arts of all types, including film, television, radio, journalism, dance, ceramics, fine arts and crafts, literature, photography, multimedia, and digital art; and

WHEREAS, The participation of veterans in the arts and humanities has contextualized and enriched the American experience for the citizens of the United States and served as a bridge between the citizens of our country and people around the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That November 1, 2019, and every November 1 thereafter, is hereby designated as Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day in honor of veterans past and present for their contributions to the arts and humanities; and be it further

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