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SCR-42 AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate. (2021-2022)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42

CHAPTER 89

Relative to AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 16, 2021.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 42, Pan. AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate.

This measure would proclaim May 18, 2021, as AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and;

WHEREAS, May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982, fueling a national Asian American activist movement that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, There has been a staggering rise in bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Every day, kids of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online across the country; and

WHEREAS, In the AAPI community, this problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these youth from seeking and receiving help; and

WHEREAS, Certain AAPI groups, including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Micronesian, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and limited-English-proficient youth, are more likely to be the targets of bullying; and

WHEREAS, One in four Asian American youth face COVID-19-related bullying, two-thirds of Sikh American students are victims of bullying, and half of Muslim American students report being bullied because of their religion; and

WHEREAS, Act To Change is one of the national nonprofits dedicated to fighting bullying directed at the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature joins Act To Change in sharing one vision: a world where all youth, including within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identities and sharing of their stories; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature will continue to empower students by advocating for systemic change and providing resources to promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to this important issue and encourages the public to foster dialogue, share resources, and learn more about what they can do to fight bullying; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That May 18, 2021, is hereby proclaimed AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Vincent Chin; and be it further

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