

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 15, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 24**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Mark Stone**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bigelow, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Burke, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Choi, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Cunningham, Dahle, Daly, Diep, Eggman, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kamlager-Dove, Kiley, Lackey, Levine, Limón, Low, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Obernolte, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Rendon, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Smith, Ting, Voepel, Waldron, Weber, Wicks, and Wood)*

February 6, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to California Court Reporting and Captioning Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 24, as amended, Mark Stone. California Court Reporting and Captioning Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of February 9, 2019, ~~through~~ to February 16, 2019, inclusive, as California Court Reporting and Captioning Week and request the Governor to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of California to observe the ~~day~~ *week* with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken  
2 word translated into text to record history, and to accomplish this  
3 task have relied on scribes; and

4 WHEREAS, The profession of scribe was born with the rise of  
5 civilization; and

6 WHEREAS, In ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be  
7 the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents  
8 and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Scribes were present with our nation's founding  
11 fathers as the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights  
12 were drafted; and

13 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted scribes to  
14 record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

15 WHEREAS, Since the advent of shorthand machines, these  
16 scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a  
17 permanent and invaluable role across our country; and

18 WHEREAS, Court reporters are present in the California State  
19 Legislature, preserving legislators' words and actions; and

20 WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for  
21 keeping a complete, accurate, secure, and unbiased record of  
22 courtroom proceedings and other legal matters, including civil  
23 depositions; and

24 WHEREAS, Through the Transcript Reimbursement Fund,  
25 court reporters fund, and are responsible for providing, courtroom  
26 transcripts to indigent litigants; and

27 WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for  
28 the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at  
29 sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings,  
30 bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing  
31 Americans every day; and

32 WHEREAS, Court reporters regularly volunteer to document  
33 educational events and to capture veterans' oral histories at  
34 community events; and

35 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 8,500 Californians working  
36 as court reporters and captioners; and

37 WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken  
38 word into text and preserve our history; and

39 WHEREAS, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court  
40 reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve

1 our nation’s history are truly the guardians of the record; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims February 9,  
5 2019, ~~through~~ to February 16, 2019, inclusive, as California Court  
6 Reporting and Captioning Week, and requests that the Governor  
7 issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of  
8 California to observe the ~~day~~ week with appropriate programs,  
9 ceremonies, and educational activities; and be it further

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

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14 **REVISIONS:**

15 **Heading—Line 2.**

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