
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 132
Author: Dixon (R), et al.
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Rare Disease Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates February 28, 2026, as Rare Disease Day and, with respect to rare diseases and disorders, recognizes the importance of improving awareness, encouraging accurate and early diagnosis, and supporting national and global efforts to develop effective treatments, diagnostics, and cures.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In the United States, a rare disease or disorder affects fewer than 200,000 individuals. As of the date of the adoption of this resolution, more than 30 million individuals in the United States are living with at least one of the more than 10,000 known rare diseases or disorders.
- 2) Individuals with rare diseases or disorders can experience difficulty in obtaining accurate diagnoses and finding physicians or treatment centers with expertise in their rare disease or disorder.
- 3) Although the FDA has approved more than 1,100 drugs and biological products for an orphan indication for the treatment of a rare disease or disorder, approximately 90% of rare diseases do not have a treatment approved by the FDA for their condition.
- 4) Supported by California's world-renowned research and education institutions, the California life sciences sector has led the way by developing innovative technologies and treatments. Nearly 200 rare disease drugs and treatments originated in California through a patient-first approach.

- 5) Rare Disease Day is expected to be observed globally for years to come, providing hope and information for rare disease and disorder patients around the world.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 33 (Zbur, Resolution Chapter 25, Statutes of 2025)

HR 70 (Maienschein, 2024) – Adopted in Assembly.

HR 16 (Maienschein, 2023) – Adopted in Assembly.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/3/26)

California Chronic Care Coalition
California Life Sciences Association

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/3/26)

None received

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