Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 119 (Alanis) – As Introduced June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: International Referees' Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes October 11, 2026, as International Referees' Day; and, honors referees, umpires, and sports officials for their dedication, integrity, and contributions to fair play at all levels of sport. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

1) Sports play a significant role in the cultural life of the United States and bring together individuals and communities across diverse backgrounds. Officials at every level of sport, including youth leagues, school athletics, college, and beyond, help create safe, organized, and competitive environments for all participants.

2) Referees play an essential role in ensuring that athletic competitions are conducted fairly, safely, and in accordance with the rules. Through their integrity, impartiality, and timely decisionmaking, referees uphold the spirit of fair play and promote respect, discipline, and sportsmanship among athletes, coaches, and spectators.

3) Referees serve as authoritative decisionmakers during athletic competition, ensuring adherence to rules and maintaining order on the field of play. Referees often serve under pressure and are required to make difficult decisions in real time, drawing on training, experience, and sound judgment.

4) Youth sports organizations, including organizations such as the American Youth Soccer Organization, as well as many local leagues, hold unofficial referee appreciation days near the end of their seasons.

5) International Referees' Day is observed annually on October 11 to recognize referees, umpires, and sports officials around the world for their dedication and service to the games they support. International Referees' Day provides an opportunity to recognize officials whose work supports not only athletic competition, but also the values of fairness, teamwork, and mutual respect.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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