

Government Administration and Elections Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1091

Title: AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

Vote Date: 3/29/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Co-Sponsors:

Rep. Terrie E. Wood, 141st Dist.

Sen. Paul Formica, 20th Dist.

Sen. Catherine A. Osten, 19th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill creates a Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage account. Further, it requires the Governor to designate days and weeks throughout the year to recognize certain groups or raise awareness to specified diseases.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Sen. Cathy Osten, 19th Dist. Supports the inclusion of subdivision (87) in Section 1 of the bill that would establish June 15th as Cadet Nurse Corps Day. Further, supports Section 2 of the bill, which seeks to correct the appropriate date for remembrance for the 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Rep. Holly Cheeseman, 37th Dist. Supports Section 1 specifically numbers 87 and 88. Establishing a Cadet Nurse Corps Day confirms Connecticut's support of these efforts at a time when so many women who served their country are passing away. Time is of the essence to insure their dedication and patriotism can be acknowledged in their lifetimes as well as an opportunity for future generations in our state to learn about their vital contributions in WWII in our country.

Rep. Kathleen M. McCarty, 38th Dist.: Supports the proposal to establish Cadet Nurse Corps Day. The Cadet Nurses rose to the call of duty during WWII to provide nursing care for servicemen and civilians. By 1945 80% of the nursing care in the US hospitals was provided by Cadet Nurses. Connecticut can show its support of the Cadet Nurses by establishing Cadet Nurse Corps Day.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Alexis Denny, Director of Government Affairs, Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation (PKD): PKD is a chronic, genetic disease (passed from an affected parent to his or her child) causing uncontrolled growth of cysts in the kidney eventually leading to kidney failure. It affects all racial and ethnic groups equally. Senate Bill 1109 establishes Kidney disease Awareness Week in the first week in September to raise public awareness of the various types of chronic kidney disease such as PKD. It is estimated there is about 4,000 people in Connecticut with advanced PKD.

Troy Zimmerman, Vice President of Government Relations, National Kidney Foundation: The National Kidney Foundation is a lifeline for all people affected by kidney disease. In Connecticut there are more than 52, 6000 patients on Medicare diagnosed with kidney disease and nearly 4,000 of them are on dialysis. There are nearly 1,000 residents of Connecticut on the kidney transplant waitlist. During 2018, more than 330 residents were added to the waitlist but only 249 residents received a transplant. Meanwhile 35 residents on the waitlist died hoping to find a kidney. Thank you for supporting 1091.

Eileen DeGaetano RN, Retired Geriatric Care Manager: There were 19 schools of Nursing in Connecticut that provided training to 3, 75 Cadet Nurses. During and after WWII members of the Cadet Nurse Corp elevated the role of nurses to a new level of professionalism. Supporting SB 1091 demonstrates the commitment of the Connecticut Legislature to ensure the history of the US Cadet Nurse Corp is remembered and its' members afforded the honor due them for their service to our country during WWII.

Dee Doolittle, Founder and Director of Mitchell Farm, Salem, CT: Mitchell Farm is a non-profit equine retirement enterprise in Salem, CT, serving retired horses from all parts of the Eastern United States. The goal of establishing the fourth week of May as Older Horse Week is to raise awareness of the need to plan for secure and compassionate placements so that animals who have served us, are cared for in the most humane way At Mitchell Farm there is a way list for many in need. Establishing this week will raise awareness and with awareness comes actions.

The following individuals/organizations wrote in support of 1091:

1091 designates July 30th as USS Indianapolis CA-35 Day. Ten men from Connecticut served on the Indy. Eight died and two survived. This bill will ensure that current and future generations will understand that the price of freedom was paid by ten young men from Connecticut.

Michael William Emery, Nephew and Namesake William Friend Emery, Seaman First Class

Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee, 1LT, John P. Shea, Chairman, and Robert G. Dorr, Secretary

Doug Stanton, author of: In Harm's Way, The Sinking of the U.S.S Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of its Survivors

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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