



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: Andrew Bird  
916.319.2011

April 12, 2018

## Frazier Concurrent Resolution recognizes the work of the Special Olympics to enrich lives in California

SACRAMENTO – The Special Olympics is the world’s largest sports program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through the power of sports, children and adults with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths, abilities, confidence, and success on the playing field and in life.

Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) authored Assembly Concurrent Resolution 210 to recognize the accomplishments of the Special Olympics and designate April 11 as Special Olympics Day in California. The full Assembly approved ACR 210 with a unanimous vote.

"It's beyond amazing that nearly 100,000 Californians have the opportunity each year to participate in the sports they love while developing lifelong friendships and skills," said Frazier, who has been a Special Olympics volunteer for 15 years. "When I was in high school, I helped a dear friend who had a disability of his own play in a game on the football team and from that moment I knew how much it meant for him to feel included, and how great it was for the whole team. I see that same fulfillment in everyone involved with the Special Olympics."

Upon presenting ACR 210 on the Assembly Floor, Frazier introduced several ambassadors from the Special Olympics seated in the Gallery.

“With ACR 210, we recognize the tremendous impact the Special Olympics has on communities around California to inspire all people to fulfill their greatest potential,” Frazier added.”

In 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded the Special Olympics to provide a way for children and adults with disabilities to develop life skills and lasting friendships through training and athletic competition. Today, the two California chapters benefit nearly 100,000 people through their many annual and ongoing programs. Ten years ago, Special Olympics began implementing the Unified Sports program into schools to pair athletes with and without disabilities to promote social inclusion through sports. In California, the Unified Sports program has grown to nearly 1,000 schools.

Read the full text of ACR 2010 here: <https://bit.ly/2vgC4I5>

###

*Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.*

**CONTACT:** Andrew Bird (916) 319-2011 [Andrew.Bird@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Andrew.Bird@asm.ca.gov)

