

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 52

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ACR 52, as introduced, Solorio. High technology.

This measure would recognize California as the leading high technology center in the United States and would declare that it shall remain the leading high technology center in the United States. The measure would also declare the 2nd week of May, annually, as California High Technology Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Bureau of Labor
- 2 Statistics, California is America's leading high technology state
- 3 in terms of the quality and quantity of high technology jobs,
- 4 companies, payroll, and wages; and
- 5 WHEREAS, California is the top ranked high technology
- 6 employer in the United States with 940,700 technology workers
- 7 in 2006, more than twice as many technology workers as second

1 ranked Texas, and more than three times as many as third ranked
2 New York; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2006, California led the nation with the highest
4 paid technology workers, earning an average annual wage of
5 \$101,200; and

6 WHEREAS, High technology workers in California have earned
7 average wages of more than twice the wages of non-high
8 technology workers in the private sector in California; and

9 WHEREAS, California led the nation with a total high
10 technology payroll of \$95.2 billion accounting for 20.8 percent of
11 the nation's total technology payroll in 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, California has the highest employment in the field
13 of semiconductor manufacturing of all the states in the United
14 States according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics'
15 2006 data; and

16 WHEREAS, California had the most high technology exports
17 of any state, \$48.2 billion in 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2007, California led the nation in exports in six
19 of the eight high technology sectors: computers and peripheral
20 equipment, consumer electronics, semi-conductors, electromedical
21 equipment, industrial electronics, and photonics; and

22 WHEREAS, California's high technology export market
23 supports an estimated 180,000 jobs and a number of local
24 economies; and

25 WHEREAS, California was the leading state in total research
26 and development expenditures with \$60.5 billion in expenditures
27 in 2004, the most recent year that data are available from the United
28 States National Science Foundation and the United States Bureau
29 of the Census; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2006, California ranked first nationwide in
31 computer systems design and related services employment with
32 185,100 jobs; and

33 WHEREAS, In 2006, California ranked first among all states
34 in employment in a number of technology industry manufacturing
35 sectors. These sectors include computer and peripheral equipment
36 manufacturing, communications equipment manufacturing,
37 consumer electronic manufacturing, electronic components
38 manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, defense electronic
39 manufacturing, measuring and control instruments manufacturing,
40 and electromedical equipment manufacturing; and

1 WHEREAS, The nation’s greatest high technology industry
2 concentration is in San Jose/Silicon Valley with 386,200 workers,
3 translating into more than one in four private sector workers being
4 employed by the high technology industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Southern California collectively has greatly
6 contributed to California’s leading position in the high technology
7 industry with the Counties of Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San
8 Bernardino, and Los Angeles playing leading roles; and

9 WHEREAS, Computer systems design and related services
10 comprised the largest technology sector in Orange County,
11 employing 16,900 people; and

12 WHEREAS, Orange County ranked second in employment in
13 the nation’s defense electronics manufacturing sector with 9,400
14 jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, San Diego County ranked second in the nation’s
16 consumer electronics manufacturing employment with 3,200 jobs;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Los Angeles County ranked first in the nation in
19 defense electronics manufacturing employment with 28,600 jobs;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Inland Empire ranked first in percentage of
22 high technology jobs growth among all cybercities in the nation
23 during 2006 with 29 percent growth; and

24 WHEREAS, The policies of the State of California should
25 promote and protect those industries that bring prosperity for its
26 citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, The economic health of the great State of California
28 is predicated on the fortunes of its industries; and

29 WHEREAS, All the citizens of California benefit from the
30 proven immense, positive economic impact of the high technology
31 industry; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes California as
34 the leading high technology center in the United States and declares
35 that it shall remain the leading high technology center in the United
36 States; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the second week of May,
38 annually, as California High Technology Week; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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