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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 52

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to high technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 52, as amended, 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
8 ranked Texas, and more than three times as many as third ranked
9 New York; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2006, California led the nation with the highest
11 paid technology workers, earning an average annual wage of
12 \$101,200; and

13 WHEREAS, High technology workers in California have earned
14 average wages of more than twice the wages of non-high
15 technology workers in the private sector in California; and

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

19 WHEREAS, California has the highest employment in the field
20 of semiconductor manufacturing of all the states in the United
21 States according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics'
22 2006 data; and

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

25 WHEREAS, In 2007, California led the nation in exports in six
26 of the eight high technology sectors: computers and peripheral
27 equipment, consumer electronics, semi-conductors, electromedical
28 equipment, industrial electronics, and photonics; and

29 WHEREAS, California's high technology export market
30 supports an estimated 180,000 jobs and a number of local
31 economies; and

32 WHEREAS, California was the leading state in total research
33 and development expenditures with \$60.5 billion in expenditures
34 in 2004, the most recent year that data are available from the United
35 States National Science Foundation and the United States Bureau
36 of the Census; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, California ranked first nationwide in
2 computer systems design and related services employment with
3 185,100 jobs; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2006, California ranked first among all states
5 in employment in a number of technology industry manufacturing
6 sectors. These sectors include computer and peripheral equipment
7 manufacturing, communications equipment manufacturing,
8 consumer electronic manufacturing, electronic components
9 manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, defense electronic
10 manufacturing, measuring and control instruments manufacturing,
11 and electromedical equipment manufacturing; and

12 WHEREAS, The nation's greatest high technology industry
13 concentration is in San Jose/Silicon Valley with 386,200 workers,
14 translating into more than one in four private sector workers being
15 employed by the high technology industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Southern California collectively has greatly
17 contributed to California's leading position in the high technology
18 industry with the Counties of Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San
19 Bernardino, and Los Angeles playing leading roles; and

20 WHEREAS, Computer systems design and related services
21 comprised the largest technology sector in Orange County,
22 employing 16,900 people; and

23 WHEREAS, Orange County ranked second in employment in
24 the nation's defense electronics manufacturing sector with 9,400
25 jobs; and

26 WHEREAS, San Diego County ranked second in the nation's
27 consumer electronics manufacturing employment with 3,200 jobs;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Los Angeles County ranked first in the nation in
30 defense electronics manufacturing employment with 28,600 jobs;
31 and

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

35 WHEREAS, The policies of the State of California should
36 promote and protect those industries that bring prosperity for its
37 citizens; and

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

1 WHEREAS, All the citizens of California benefit from the
2 proven immense, positive economic impact of the high technology
3 industry; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes California as
6 the leading high technology center in the United States and declares
7 that it shall remain the leading high technology center in the United
8 States; and be it further

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

11 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
12 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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15 **CORRECTIONS:**

16 **Heading—Coauthors—Line 11.**
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