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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 174**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande**

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August 12, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174—Relative to California Solar Professionals Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 174, as amended, Nestande. California Solar Professionals Day. This measure would declare November 8, 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is leading nation in solar projects and
- 2 the employment sector is a rapidly growing one; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Skilled solar professionals are key to continuing
- 4 growth in this market; and

1       WHEREAS, There are more than 1,861 solar companies at work  
2 in California, employing more than 47,223 workers; and  
3       WHEREAS, These solar companies provide a wide range of  
4 services and products; and  
5       WHEREAS, 49 percent of solar companies were expected to  
6 add employees last year, with a total of 10,500 new employees  
7 added by November 2014, which equals 22.3 percent growth; and  
8       WHEREAS, The solar industry in California employs more than  
9 5 times the number of workers than the next largest solar  
10 employing state; and  
11       WHEREAS, More than 73 percent of new solar jobs are newly  
12 created positions; and  
13       WHEREAS, Employment in the solar industry is generally very  
14 diverse; and  
15       WHEREAS, Job growth in the solar sector is nearly 5 times  
16 faster than the statewide growth rate; and  
17       WHEREAS, In 2013, California installed 2746 megawatts of  
18 solar electricity capacity, ranking the state first in the nation; and  
19       WHEREAS, There is enough solar power installed in the state  
20 to power more than 1.7 million homes and California ranks first  
21 in the nation for installed solar power; and  
22       WHEREAS, Solar installations have expanded rapidly and the  
23 industry has become more efficient and productive; now, therefore,  
24 be it  
25       *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 8,  
27 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day; and be it further  
28       *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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