Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

May 18, 2015

House Resolution No. 23—Relative to California Innovation Week.

WHEREAS, Innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit are woven into our identity as Americans. We are the pioneers that always look beyond to the next frontier. From sending a man to the moon, to leading the Internet revolution, the world has always looked to America to lead into the future. And time and again, we have delivered that and much more; and

WHEREAS, American-born advancements have shaped every aspect of our modern world. Our smartphones, which evolve daily, have enabled instant global communication and a more robust exchange of ideas and knowledge. Our children and grandchildren have the chance for longer and healthier lives because of breakthroughs in medical technologies and drug treatments. Cutting-edge processes have turned the United States into a leader in energy production, while better data and advanced weather warning systems hold the promise of saving lives from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, The truth is, the next great medicine, energy source, or communication platform won't be stamped "Made in Sacramento" on the bottom. Our greatest asset and the biggest driver of California innovation is California's people, and we need laws that support and enable the people of California, instead of regulations that hold them back; and

WHEREAS, Innovation is essential to achieving and maintaining economic prosperity in this increasingly competitive world, and HR 23 -2-

our place as the most innovative nation on Earth cannot be taken for granted. We must stay focused on promoting growth and expanding opportunities for the next great idea; and

WHEREAS, Communities throughout California should commemorate May 18th through 22nd, 2015, as California Innovation Week, a week celebrating the innovation industry and the entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That in recognition of the innovation economy, the week of May 18, 2015, to May 22, 2015, inclusive, shall be proclaimed California Innovation Week, a special time for Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing the way we view communicating, health care, transportation, energy, travel, business, and much more; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.