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No. 193

Introduced by Assembly Members Calderon and Low

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(Coauthor: Senator Wieckowski)

May 31, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 193—Relative to technology and innovation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 193, as amended, Calderon. California Technology and Innovation Month.

This measure will proclaim the month of June as California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing the way we view communication, health care, transportation, energy, travel, and business.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Technology, innovation, and the entrepreneurial
2 spirit are woven into our identity as Americans. We are the pioneers
3 that always look beyond to the next frontier. From sending a man
4 to the moon, to leading the Internet revolution, and to developing
5 cutting-edge technology, the world has always looked to America
6 to lead into the future and, time and again, we have delivered that
7 and much more; and

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

18 WHEREAS, The next great medicine, energy source, or
19 communication platform is waiting to be discovered by the people
20 of California. Our greatest asset, and the biggest driver of
21 California innovation, is California's people, and we need laws
22 that support and enable the people of California; and

23 WHEREAS, California is home to a thriving world-class region
24 that is home to high-tech corporations and thousands of innovative
25 startup companies. These California-based corporations have given
26 us amazing technological advances, such as the iPhone and
27 semiconductors, and have changed how we utilize the Internet;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Innovation and technology are essential to
30 achieving and maintaining economic prosperity in this increasingly
31 competitive world, and our place as the most innovative and
32 technology advanced nation on Earth cannot be taken for granted.
33 We must stay focused on promoting growth and expanding
34 opportunities for the next great idea; and

35 WHEREAS, California leads the nation with nearly 1.1 million
36 tech industry jobs. For each job created in the tech sector,
37 approximately 4.3 jobs are created in other local goods and services
38 sectors across all income groups, including lawyers, dentists,

1 schoolteachers, cooks, and retail clerks, among many others. There
2 are an estimated 46,000 information and communication
3 technology (ICT) industry-related businesses in California. ICT
4 industry-related businesses produce \$172 billion in revenue. These
5 businesses employ more than one million Californians and pay
6 out close to \$76 billion in wages annually; and

7 WHEREAS, Communities throughout California will
8 commemorate the month of June as California Technology and
9 Innovation Month, a month celebrating the innovation industry
10 and the entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring,* That in recognition of the innovation and
13 technology economy, the month of June shall be proclaimed
14 California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for
15 Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing
16 the way we view communication, health care, transportation,
17 energy, travel, business, and much more; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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