

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 99

Introduced by Senator McGuire

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to the 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as amended, McGuire. 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 18, 2016, as the 28th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
- 2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81
- 3 scientific classifications; and

1 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
2 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
3 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
5 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
6 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and

7 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
8 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant
9 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
10 and pollution; and

11 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
12 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and
13 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
14 Californians; and

15 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
16 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
17 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
18 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
19 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

20 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional Science
21 and Engineering Fair, one of California's 14 regional science and
22 engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in
23 10 California counties; and

24 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
25 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
26 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
27 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500
28 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
31 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
32 state employees, and members of the public, who attend the special
33 event; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring*, That May 18, 2016, shall be recognized as the
36 28th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute
37 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
38 work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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