

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 45**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero**

April 9, 2007

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to the 2007 State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 45, as introduced, Caballero. The 2007 State scientist Day.

This measure would proclaim May 23, 2007, as the 19th Annual State Scientist Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional  
2 scientists working in over 30 state departments in 230 scientific  
3 classifications; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually  
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,  
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and several others; and

7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California  
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) which is dedicated  
9 to professionalism, independence, responsible advocacy, and  
10 ensuring that state scientists receive fair pay and benefits for their  
11 important work; and

12 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public  
13 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant  
14 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste  
15 and pollution; and

1 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical  
2 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding and  
3 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all  
4 Californians; and

5 WHEREAS, California's vital environmental, natural resource,  
6 and public health protection programs are threatened by  
7 substandard state scientific salaries because many state agencies  
8 cannot retain or recruit skilled scientific professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, If California loses our scientific expertise, the state  
10 will be unarmed in the battles against greenhouse gas emissions,  
11 air quality, and the overall protection of our children's health,  
12 according to a 2006 Cal/EPA report; and

13 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas  
14 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and response,  
15 the monitoring of drinking water, the protection of crops,  
16 brownfield cleanups, chemical and radiological disaster response,  
17 and much more; and

18 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day  
19 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition  
20 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state  
21 government while entertaining and educating over 2,000  
22 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits,  
23 including digging for hidden artifacts, viewing live fish in a  
24 1,500-gallon tank, and playing Pollution Prevention "Wheel of  
25 Fortune" and Coastal Creature "Jeopardy"; and

26 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in  
27 science for thousands of California school children, legislators,  
28 state employees, and the public who attend the special event; and

29 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists provides all  
30 Californians with hope for clean food, safe homes, clean air and  
31 water, and a healthy environment; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
34 hereby proclaims Wednesday, May 23, 2007, as the 19th Annual  
35 State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute to the  
36 dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work  
37 on behalf of all Californians; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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