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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 50

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

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March 11, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 50—Relative to the 2009 State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 50, as amended, Skinner. The 2009 State Scientist Day.

This measure would proclaim May 20, 2009, as the 21st Annual State Scientist Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many 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 earning recognition for the important work of state scientists; and

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

15 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
16 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding and
17 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
18 Californians; and

19 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
20 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
21 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
22 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
23 radiological disaster response, and much more; 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 2,000
28 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits,
29 including digging for hidden artifacts, viewing live fish in a
30 1,500-gallon tank, and playing Pollution Prevention “Wheel of
31 Fortune” and Coastal Creature “Jeopardy”; and

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

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That May 20, 2009, shall be recognized as the
38 21st Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute
39 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
40 work 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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