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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Member Torlakson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to California Science Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 5, as amended, Torlakson. California Science Education Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2009 as California Science Education Month, and would extend Legislature's support to pupils of all ages who are interested in science.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California is an intellectual center for advances in
- 2 science through academic and industrial research, and California

1 is also a leader in the computer and information sciences, life
2 sciences, physical sciences, natural sciences, military sciences,
3 environmental sciences, and agriculture sciences, having originated
4 great innovation and progress in each of these fields; and

5 WHEREAS, The cycle of innovation in the sciences has brought
6 great benefits to the State of California, including improvements
7 to the physical health and living standards of Californians and the
8 world at large, and improvements to the intellectual and economic
9 health of the state; and

10 WHEREAS, California has become a world leader in scientific
11 discovery in the disciplines of computer and information
12 technology, clean technology, nanotechnology, medicine,
13 biotechnology, and environmental science; and

14 WHEREAS, New jobs in California are growing most rapidly
15 in areas that require strong foundations in science, engineering,
16 and technology, and eight of the 10 fastest growing occupations
17 in the United States are related to science, mathematics, or
18 technology, with an expected increase of 2.2 million science- and
19 engineering-related jobs by 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, California is experiencing a critical shortage of
21 skilled American workers in scientific industries that is threatening
22 our state's ability to compete in the global marketplace; and

23 WHEREAS, The state is now focused on ushering in the next
24 generation of great scientific leaders by encouraging its youth to
25 engage in this noble pursuit; and

26 WHEREAS, California needs to cultivate the scientific talents
27 of all of its pupils, particularly those from groups that are
28 underrepresented in science and technology, including women,
29 minorities, and persons with disabilities; and

30 WHEREAS, Given the growing threat to America's preeminence
31 in science and technology, celebrations of science and of science
32 education, such as the San Diego Science Festival and the Sally
33 Ride Science Festival, and innovations in science classrooms across
34 California, are all critical to raising pupil and public awareness of
35 the dramatic impact science has on our lives, and to inspiring the
36 next generation of scientific leaders; and

37 WHEREAS, The health and economic benefits provided to our
38 state by the businesses and institutions involved in the full range
39 of scientific industries are numerous; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the month of
3 March 2009 as California Science Education Month, and extends
4 its support to pupils of all ages who are interested in science; and
5 be it further
6 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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