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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

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May 11, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the Early College High School Initiative.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 73, as amended, Portantino. Early College High School Week.

This measure would recognize the week of May 4 through 10 as National Early College High School Week and the month of May as Early College High School Month in California and honor the commitment and success of the Early College High School Initiative.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For every 10 California students who enroll in high
2 school only seven graduate, just over three enroll in college, and
3 fewer than two complete an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
4 within 150 percent of the standard time; and

5 WHEREAS, California's economy increasingly depends on the
6 educational achievement of its fastest-growing population groups,
7 which are the same young people that many high schools leave
8 behind; and

9 WHEREAS, Sixty-one California early college high schools
10 provide a bold solution to educating high school students, at a time
11 when California's economic competitiveness depends on ensuring
12 an education that enables all students to acquire the skills that meet
13 21st century workforce needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Early college high schools blend high school and
15 college coursework to allow low-income, first-generation college
16 goers, English language learners, students of color, and other
17 underrepresented youth to simultaneously earn a high school
18 diploma and an Associate's degree or up to two years of credit
19 toward a Bachelor's degree; and

20 WHEREAS, Studies have found that states can realize significant
21 returns on investments in early college high schools, with state
22 returns for every dollar spent estimated between \$1.33 and \$2.11
23 more than traditional high schools over the course of 15 years, and
24 \$2.51 to \$3.95 more over the course of 25 years; now, therefore,
25 be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes May 4 through
28 10 as the National Early College High School Week and the month
29 of May as Early College High School Month in California for early
30 college high schools and their partners in the state that bring
31 together students, administrators, parents, community leaders, and
32 legislators to honor the commitment and success of the Early
33 College High School Initiative; and be it further

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