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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to California Lab Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 116, as amended, Hill. California Lab Day.

This measure would proclaim May ~~10~~ 12, 2010, as California Lab Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama announced on Monday,
- 2 November 23, 2009, a campaign, entitled “Educate to Innovate,”
- 3 to reinvigorate student interest in science, technology, engineering,
- 4 and math (STEM) education in order to promote competitiveness
- 5 in American students’ math and science skills; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Part of the “Educate to Innovate” campaign
- 7 includes the declaration of a National Lab Day, a grassroots
- 8 initiative designed to reinvigorate STEM education in the nation’s
- 9 schools and after school programs, and lead to increased United
- 10 States competitiveness; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 200 public and private sector
2 organizations have pledged support for National Lab Day,
3 including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,
4 the National Science Teachers Association, the National Science
5 Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Jack D.
6 Hidary Foundation, the American Chemistry Society, the National
7 Institutes of Health, and the Business Roundtable; and

8 WHEREAS, California is a leader in the biomedical and
9 high-technology industries, which together employ over 700,000
10 Californians in solid wage careers; and

11 WHEREAS, California suffers from a shortage of skilled
12 workers in scientific industries who possess the appropriate level
13 of math and science competency required to fuel innovation within
14 the Golden State's technology sectors, impeding our ability to
15 challenge global competitors; and

16 WHEREAS, California's leaders within the K-14 and higher
17 education systems, as well as the Legislature and Governor's office,
18 have expressed an urgent need to develop the next generation of
19 scientific researchers by encouraging young Californians to pursue
20 these exciting fields of study; and

21 WHEREAS, California's ethnic diversity puts the state in a
22 prime position to develop the scientific talents of all of its students,
23 including those from groups that have been historically
24 underrepresented in science and technology, including women,
25 minorities, and persons with disabilities; and

26 WHEREAS, Given the growing threat to America's preeminence
27 in science and technology, recognizing the innovative research
28 that takes place in California's biomedical and high-technology
29 research laboratories is critical to raising student and public
30 awareness of the next generation of scientific leaders; and

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

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims May ~~10~~ 12,
36 2010, as California Lab Day, in conjunction with the National Lab
37 Day, and extends its support to students of all ages who are
38 interested in STEM education; 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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