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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 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

11 WHEREAS, More than 200 public and private sector
12 organizations have pledged support for National Lab Day,
13 including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,
14 the National Science Teachers Association, the National Science
15 Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Jack D.
16 Hidary Foundation, the American Chemistry Society, the National
17 Institutes of Health, and the Business Roundtable; and

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

21 WHEREAS, California suffers from a shortage of skilled
22 workers in scientific industries who possess the appropriate level
23 of math and science competency required to fuel innovation within
24 the Golden State’s technology sectors, impeding our ability to
25 challenge global competitors; and

26 WHEREAS, California’s leaders within the K–14 and higher
27 education systems, as well as the Legislature and Governor’s office,
28 have expressed an urgent need to develop the next generation of
29 scientific researchers by encouraging young Californians to pursue
30 these exciting fields of study; and

31 WHEREAS, California’s ethnic diversity puts the state in a
32 prime position to develop the scientific talents of all of its students,
33 including those from groups that have been historically
34 underrepresented in science and technology, including women,
35 minorities, and persons with disabilities; and

36 WHEREAS, Given the growing threat to America’s preeminence
37 in science and technology, recognizing the innovative research
38 that takes place in California’s biomedical and high-technology
39 research laboratories is critical to raising student and public
40 awareness of the next generation of scientific leaders; and

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

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 12, 2010,
6 as California Lab Day, in conjunction with the National Lab Day,
7 and extends its support to students of all ages who are interested
8 in STEM education; and be it further

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