

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 152

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

April 7, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 152, as introduced, Hernandez. Vehicles: automotive aftermarket: National Car Care Month.

This measure would recognize the contributions of the automotive aftermarket to the state and consumers and its efforts to educate the motoring public about the benefits of proper vehicle maintenance. The measure also would recognize and support the designation of April as National Car Care Month and encourage all citizens to participate in activities that promote proper vehicle maintenance.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket encompasses all
2 products and services purchased for light- and heavy-duty vehicles
3 after the original sale of the vehicle, including new, recycled, and
4 remanufactured replacement parts, accessories, lubricants,
5 appearance products, tires, collision repairs, service repairs, and
6 the tools and equipment necessary to make the repairs, as well as
7 vehicle end-of-life handling issues; and
8 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is a significant sector
9 of the United States economy and also is a vital and steady
10 component of California’s economy with annual aftermarket sales
11 in California of approximately thirty-one billion one hundred
12 million dollars (\$31,100,000,000); and

1 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket employed
2 approximately 4,300,000 people nationally in 2008, and, of that
3 amount, employs approximately 220,000 people in more than
4 30,000 parts, warehouse, distributor, and retail establishments
5 statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies the products
7 and services that are fundamental to the proper maintenance and
8 repair of California's 28,000,000 vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies and serves
10 more than 40,000 auto repair dealers that repair and service
11 approximately 80 percent of California's vehicles; and

12 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket historically leads the
13 world in innovation for service equipment, repair procedures,
14 maintenance programs, and safety equipment for the state's and
15 nation's fleet of vehicles; and

16 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket promotes a healthy
17 and clean environment and encourages ecological advancements,
18 including maintaining the longest running sustainable practice of
19 recycling and utilizing remanufactured and recycled automobile
20 parts to conserve materials and energy; and

21 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket contributes to
22 greenhouse gas reductions and the state's overall climate change
23 goals by fostering awareness that a well-maintained vehicle leads
24 to lower tailpipe emissions, and by advocating for a robust
25 automotive aftermarket that is essential for keeping vehicles clean,
26 well-maintained, and running efficiently and safely; and

27 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides consumers
28 with choices for high-quality and affordable replacement parts and
29 service for their vehicles, and also provides consumers with options
30 for where they can purchase their parts and have their vehicles
31 repaired; and

32 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket gives motorists options
33 for repairing their vehicles in communities where dealerships have
34 closed or in rural parts of the state where there is no dealership
35 within close range; and

36 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides high-quality
37 automobile replacement parts; and

38 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
39 providing parts and service options and choices so that proper
40 vehicle maintenance and repairs are available to all socioeconomic

1 levels of society, improving fuel efficiency, gas mileage, and safety
2 for vehicles of all ages; and

3 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket strongly promotes
4 career and technical education options for students in high school
5 and community college in order to provide an educated workforce
6 with the increased technical skills needed to maintain advanced
7 vehicle systems; and

8 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket gives back to the
9 community by providing educational scholarships to students
10 pursuing careers in the automotive industry; and

11 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket believes in continuing
12 education and training for the industry and supports technician
13 testing programs; and

14 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
15 educating motorists about the benefits of regular vehicle care,
16 maintenance, and repair to ensure that vehicles are safer, more
17 dependable and fuel efficient, and run more cleanly, by
18 participating in consumer awareness initiatives like the Car Care
19 Council's "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and the designation of
20 April as National Car Care Month; and

21 WHEREAS, The "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and National
22 Car Care Month are the automotive aftermarket's collective effort
23 to reach out to motorists and impart an understanding and
24 appreciation of the personal and societal importance of proper
25 vehicle maintenance; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the
28 considerable contribution of the automotive aftermarket to the
29 state's economy, transportation system, and environmental
30 stewardship, while also providing robust consumer choices for the
31 transportation needs of all Californians; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and applauds the
33 automotive aftermarket's efforts through the "Be Car Care Aware"
34 campaign and National Car Care Month to educate the motoring
35 public about the importance of vehicle safety and environmental
36 stewardship facilitated by proper vehicle maintenance; and be it
37 further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and supports the
39 designation of April as National Car Care Month and encourages

- 1 all citizens to participate in activities that promote proper vehicle
- 2 maintenance; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.