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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 152

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez
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April 7, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 152, as amended, 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

1 in California of approximately ~~thirty-one billion one hundred~~
2 ~~million dollars (\$31,100,000,000)~~ *thirty-four billion five hundred*
3 *million dollars (\$34,500,000,000)*; and

4 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket employed
5 approximately 4,300,000 people nationally in 2008, and, of that
6 amount, employs approximately 220,000 people in ~~more than~~
7 ~~30,000~~ *nearly 24,000* parts, warehouse, distributor, and retail
8 establishments statewide; and

9 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies the products
10 and services that are fundamental to the proper maintenance and
11 repair of ~~California's 28,000,000 vehicles~~ *more than 29,000,000*
12 *vehicles in California*; and

13 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies and serves
14 more than 40,000 auto repair dealers that repair and service
15 ~~approximately 80 percent~~ *over 70 percent* of California's vehicles;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket historically leads the
18 world in innovation for service equipment, repair procedures,
19 maintenance programs, and safety equipment for the state's and
20 nation's fleet of vehicles; and

21 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket promotes ~~a healthy~~
22 ~~and clean environment and encourages ecological advancements,~~
23 ~~including maintaining the longest running sustainable practice of~~
24 *a long-running sustainable practice of* recycling and utilizing
25 remanufactured and recycled automobile parts to conserve materials
26 and energy; and

27 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket contributes to
28 greenhouse gas reductions and the state's overall climate change
29 goals by fostering awareness that a well-maintained vehicle leads
30 to lower tailpipe emissions, and by advocating for a robust
31 automotive aftermarket that is essential for keeping vehicles clean,
32 well-maintained, and running efficiently and safely; and

33 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides consumers
34 with choices for high-quality and affordable replacement parts and
35 service for their vehicles, and also provides consumers with options
36 for where they can purchase their parts and have their vehicles
37 repaired; and

38 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket gives motorists options
39 for repairing their vehicles in communities where dealerships have

1 closed or in rural parts of the state where there is no dealership
2 within close range; and

3 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides high-quality
4 automobile replacement parts; and

5 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
6 providing parts and service options and choices so that proper
7 vehicle maintenance and repairs are available to all socioeconomic
8 levels of society, improving fuel efficiency, gas mileage, and safety
9 for vehicles of all ages; and

10 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket strongly promotes
11 career and technical education options for students in high school
12 and community college in order to provide an educated workforce
13 with the increased technical skills needed to maintain advanced
14 vehicle systems; and

15 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket gives back to the
16 community by providing educational scholarships to students
17 pursuing careers in the automotive industry; and

18 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket believes in continuing
19 education and training for the industry and supports technician
20 testing programs; and

21 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
22 educating motorists about the benefits of regular vehicle care,
23 maintenance, and repair to ensure that vehicles are safer, more
24 dependable and fuel efficient, and run more cleanly, by
25 participating in consumer awareness initiatives like the Car Care
26 Council's "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and the designation of
27 April as National Car Care Month; and

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

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the
35 considerable contribution of the automotive aftermarket to the
36 state's economy, transportation system, and environmental
37 stewardship, while also providing robust consumer choices for the
38 transportation needs of all Californians; and be it further

39 *Resolved,* That the Legislature recognizes and applauds the
40 automotive aftermarket's efforts through the "Be Car Care Aware"

1 campaign and National Car Care Month to educate the motoring
2 public about the importance of vehicle safety and environmental
3 stewardship facilitated by proper vehicle maintenance; and be it
4 further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and supports the
6 designation of April as National Car Care Month and encourages
7 all citizens to participate in activities that promote proper vehicle
8 maintenance; 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.

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