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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 152

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

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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
11 in California of approximately thirty-four billion five hundred
12 million dollars (\$34,500,000,000); and

13 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket employed
14 approximately 4,300,000 people nationally in 2008, and, of that
15 amount, employs approximately 220,000 people in nearly 24,000
16 parts, warehouse, distributor, and retail establishments statewide;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies the products
19 and services that are fundamental to the proper maintenance and
20 repair of more than 29,000,000 vehicles in California; and

21 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket supplies and serves
22 more than 40,000 auto repair dealers that repair and service over
23 70 percent of California's vehicles; and

24 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket historically leads the
25 world in innovation for service equipment, repair procedures,
26 maintenance programs, and safety equipment for the state's and
27 nation's fleet of vehicles; and

28 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket promotes a
29 long-running sustainable practice of recycling and utilizing
30 remanufactured and recycled automobile parts to conserve materials
31 and energy; and

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

1 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides consumers
2 with choices for high-quality and affordable replacement parts and
3 service for their vehicles, and also provides consumers with options
4 for where they can purchase their parts and have their vehicles
5 repaired; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket provides high-quality
11 automobile replacement parts; and

12 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
13 providing parts and service options and choices so that proper
14 vehicle maintenance and repairs are available to all socioeconomic
15 levels of society, improving fuel efficiency, gas mileage, and safety
16 for vehicles of all ages; and

17 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket strongly promotes
18 career and technical education options for students in high school
19 and community college in order to provide an educated workforce
20 with the increased technical skills needed to maintain advanced
21 vehicle systems; and

22 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket gives back to the
23 community by providing educational scholarships to students
24 pursuing careers in the automotive industry; and

25 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket believes in continuing
26 education and training for the industry and supports technician
27 testing programs; and

28 WHEREAS, The automotive aftermarket is committed to
29 educating motorists about the benefits of regular vehicle care,
30 maintenance, and repair to ensure that vehicles are safer, more
31 dependable and fuel efficient, and run more cleanly, by
32 participating in consumer awareness initiatives like the Car Care
33 Council's "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and the designation of
34 April as National Car Care Month; and

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

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the
3 considerable contribution of the automotive aftermarket to the
4 state's economy, transportation system, and environmental
5 stewardship, while also providing robust consumer choices for the
6 transportation needs of all Californians; and be it further

7 *Resolved,* That the Legislature recognizes and applauds the
8 automotive aftermarket's efforts through the "Be Car Care Aware"
9 campaign and National Car Care Month to educate the motoring
10 public about the importance of vehicle safety and environmental
11 stewardship facilitated by proper vehicle maintenance; and be it
12 further

13 *Resolved,* That the Legislature recognizes and supports the
14 designation of April as National Car Care Month and encourages
15 all citizens to participate in activities that promote proper vehicle
16 maintenance; and be it further

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