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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 222**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Haynes**

April 20, 2004

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 222—Relative to Small Business Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 222, as amended, Haynes. Small Business Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 16, 2004, to May 22, 2004, as Small Business Week and would encourage Californians to observe Small Business Week appropriately.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Every year, our nation sets aside a week to honor  
2 the 25 million Americans whose entrepreneurial drive personifies  
3 the American dream; and

4 WHEREAS, America's 25 million small businesses reflect the  
5 things that make our nation great; and

6 WHEREAS, Small businesses are a vital part of our nation's  
7 economy and are leading the way during the current economic  
8 recovery. They represent 99 percent of employers, more than half  
9 of all private sector employees work at small businesses, and three  
10 out of every four new jobs created in this country are created by  
11 small businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, As our nation continues on the path of economic  
13 recovery, it is important to appreciate the role that our small

1 business entrepreneurs are playing. ~~Government does not create~~  
2 ~~jobs, small businesses do; and~~

3 ~~WHEREAS, Although the government can help to liberate the~~  
4 ~~energies of our small business owners by cutting taxes by almost~~  
5 ~~\$3,000 per business, reducing burdensome regulations, or fighting~~  
6 ~~to curtail frivolous lawsuits, it is, in the end, those entrepreneurs~~  
7 ~~who are growing our economy and their efforts that are vital to the~~  
8 ~~creation of new jobs for all Americans; and~~

9 WHEREAS, Despite their successes, it is appropriate during  
10 Small Business Week to examine the challenges still faced by  
11 America's entrepreneurs. ~~Rising health care costs~~  
12 ~~disproportionately affect small businesses and their employees.~~  
13 ~~Health savings accounts, created as part of last year's Medicare~~  
14 ~~Reform Act, can help small business owners and employees pay~~  
15 ~~for their health care costs, and owners whose employees use health~~  
16 ~~savings accounts can save as much as 40 percent in health care~~  
17 ~~costs. But that will not be enough. Small businesses deserve~~ *would*  
18 *benefit from* the same purchasing and bargaining power that large  
19 corporations have, and legislation introduced in the United States  
20 Congress to create association health plans will give them that  
21 power; and

22 WHEREAS, Frivolous lawsuits still threaten too many small  
23 business owners. The right to redress is an essential right in our  
24 nation, but its abuse is putting Americans out of work; and

25 ~~WHEREAS, The death tax remains a dark cloud over the heads~~  
26 ~~of family-owned businesses. It is fundamentally unfair when~~  
27 ~~family businesses are sold or broken up upon the death of the~~  
28 ~~owners because their sons and daughters cannot afford to pay the~~  
29 ~~tax bill; and~~

30 WHEREAS, Small Business Week is a time for us to talk about  
31 these challenges and plan for how they can be overcome. It is also  
32 a time to celebrate our successes and to thank America's small  
33 business owners for their contributions to our communities, our  
34 economy, and our nation; now, therefore, *be it to celebrate our*  
35 *successes and to thank America's small business owners for their*  
36 *contributions to our communities, our economy, and our nation.*  
37 *It is also a time for us to talk about challenges to small business*  
38 *and plan for how these challenges can be overcome; now,*  
39 *therefore, be it*



1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *thereof concurring*, That the week of May 16, 2004, to May 22,  
3     2004, is hereby proclaimed as Small Business Week; and be it  
4     further

5     *Resolved*, That Californians are encouraged to observe Small  
6     Business Week appropriately, to dedicate themselves to learning  
7     more about America's entrepreneurs and how we can help them  
8     continue on their tremendous path of success; 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.

