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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

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February 26, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to the 27th Annual State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 35, as amended, Gonzalez. 27th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 13, 2015, as the 27th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81
3 scientific classifications; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and

7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
9 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and

10 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
11 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant
12 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
13 and pollution; and

14 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
15 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and
16 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
17 Californians; and

18 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
19 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
20 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
21 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
22 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

23 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional Science
24 and Engineering Fair, one of California's 14 regional science and
25 engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in
26 10 California counties; and

27 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
28 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
29 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
30 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500
31 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
34 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
35 state employees, and members of the public, who attend the special
36 event; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That May 13, 2015, shall be recognized as the
39 27th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute

1 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
2 work on behalf of all the residents of California; 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.

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