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ACR-94 California Manufacturing Day. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 94

CHAPTER 174

Relative to California Manufacturing Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 94, Gallagher. California Manufacturing Day.

This measure would declare October 2, 2015, as California Manufacturing Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The first Friday in October is designated as National Manufacturing Day and was created as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of manufacturing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On October 2, 2015, many California manufacturers will open their doors to the public to showcase their operations and promote interest in the manufacturing sector as a quality career; and

WHEREAS, Also on that day, many California manufacturing training facilities and community colleges will highlight their career technical education classrooms, equipment, students, and instructors; and

WHEREAS, Many of the nation's most innovative, productive, and energy efficient manufacturers have research labs, assembly plants, and administration operations in California; and

WHEREAS, California manufacturing represents 12 percent of the national manufacturing gross domestic product (GDP) and 10 percent of the national manufacturing job base; and

WHEREAS, California's manufacturing sector is dynamic and diverse, and includes industries such as aerospace, beverages, building materials, cement, consumer goods, energy and oil production, food processing, glass, information technology, mining, plastics, paper, pulp, and steel; and

WHEREAS, California manufacturers employ more than 1.2 million workers in the state with high-wage, middle-class jobs where the average salary exceeds \$77,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, California manufacturers generate more than \$250 billion in annual economic activity that leads to tremendous multiplier benefits throughout the economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown and the Legislature recognized the importance of attracting new manufacturing investments to California in 2013 with the enactment of a partial sales and use tax exemption for purchases of manufacturing equipment leading to measurable job growth; and

WHEREAS, Working together with educators and workforce development partners, California manufacturers will continue to address the middle skills job shortage to build the next generation of skilled industrial employees equipped to respond to the demands of a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Next 10 found in a report titled "2015 California Green Innovation Index" that California's economy is the second least carbon-intensive economy in the world and produces 64 percent greater GDP for every unit of energy consumed as compared with the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, California manufacturers continue to push the bounds of clean and green technologies that reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency in products and processes; and

WHEREAS, California's clean and energy efficient manufacturing industry maintains and supports the long-term overall health of the state's economy and stands ready to help increase opportunities for high-wage employment that will expand access to the middle class for all Californians; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares Friday, October 2, 2015, as California Manufacturing Day; and be it further

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