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HR-44 (2021-2022)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

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May 12, 2021

Relative to state scientists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 44, as introduced, Quirk.

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

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

WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding, and these decisions ultimately protect the health, lives, and property of all Californians; and

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

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

WHEREAS, CAPS regularly features the important work of its members to educate the public and policymakers about the important work state scientists perform to protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution; and

WHEREAS, CAPS members ensure the continuance of important government programs and served on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, putting themselves at risk of exposure while protecting the people of California; and

WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair and supports California's 14 regional science and engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high school students throughout California; and

WHEREAS, State scientists have sparked an interest in science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators, state employees, and members of the public by sponsoring the annual State Scientist Day at the Capitol, which was unfortunately postponed this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly hereby recognizes and pays tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it further

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

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Heading—Line 2.