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ACR-144 California STEAM Robotics Day. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144

CHAPTER 44

Relative to California STEAM Robotics Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State April 16, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 144, Maienschein. California STEAM Robotics Day.

This measure would proclaim March 23, 2024, as California STEAM Robotics Day.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Every American pupil deserves access to a high-quality education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for their future, California's future, and the nation's future; and

WHEREAS, There is a strong need to recognize California's STEM leadership in technological advancement, innovation technology, and robotics; and

WHEREAS, An increased investment in STEM and robotics is vital to ensure California pupils pursue careers in robotics and other STEM-related fields; and

WHEREAS, Technological hubs such as the Cities of San Francisco, San Jose (Silicon Valley), Oxnard, Los Angeles, and San Diego and other communities are known across California for their STEM influence, invention, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Silicon Valley has driven innovation in technological areas worldwide; and

WHEREAS, There has been a growing demand for STEM jobs in the fields of engineering, biotechnology, and computer programming in California; and

WHEREAS, STEM that includes the arts, better known as science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), promotes the 21st-century skills of teamwork, problem solving, and technological literacy; and

WHEREAS, FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education; and

WHEREAS, The mission of FIRST® is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, The vision of FIRST® is to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders; and

WHEREAS, FIRST® and robotics inspire young people to become innovators and leaders in science and technology in California; and

WHEREAS, The month of March coincides with multiple robotics competitions held by FIRST®; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims March 23, 2024, as California STEAM Robotics Day to observe and celebrate the advancements and innovations made in California and for the pursuit of STEAM careers; and be it further

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