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Automotive Aftermarket Industry Legislative Resolution

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket encompasses all products and services purchased for light and heavy duty vehicles after the original sale including new, recycled and remanufactured replacement parts, accessories, lubricants, appearance products, tires, collision repairs, service repairs as well as the tools and equipment necessary to make the repair and vehicle end of life handling issues; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket is a significant sector of the U.S. economy and is also a vital and steady component of California's economy with annual aftermarket sales in California of approximately \$31.1 billion; and

Whereas the automotive aftermarket employed approximately 4.3 million people nationally in 2008 and employs approximately 220,000 people in more than 30,000 parts, warehouse distributor and retail establishments statewide; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket supplies the products and services that are fundamental to the proper maintenance and repair of California's 28 million vehicles; and

Whereas the automotive aftermarket supplies and serves the more than 40,000 auto repair dealers that repair and service approximately 80% of California's vehicles; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket historically leads the world in innovation for service equipment, repair procedures, maintenance programs and safety equipment for the state and nation's fleet of vehicles; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket promotes a healthy and clean environment and encourages ecological advancements – as an example maintaining the longest running sustainable practice of recycling and utilizing re-manufactured and recycled auto parts to conserve materials and energy; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket contributes to greenhouse gas reductions and the state's overall climate change goals by fostering awareness that a well maintained vehicle leads to lower tail pipe emissions, and advocating for a robust automotive aftermarket which is essential for keeping cars clean, well-maintained and running efficiently and safely; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket provides consumers with choices for high quality and affordable replacement parts and service for their vehicles as well as providing consumers with options for where they can purchase their parts and have their cars repaired; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket gives motorists options for repairing their vehicles in communities where dealerships have closed or in rural parts of the state where there is no dealership within close range; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket provides high quality auto replacement parts that are often less expensive but equal to or better quality than original equipment parts; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket is committed to providing parts and service options and choices so that proper vehicle maintenance and repairs are available to all socioeconomic levels of society improving fuel efficiency, gas mileage and safety for vehicles of all ages; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket strongly promotes career and technical education options for students in high school and community college in order to provide an educated workforce with the increasingly technical skills to maintain advanced vehicle systems; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket gives back to the community by providing educational scholarships to students pursuing careers in the automotive industry; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket believes in continuing education and training for the industry and supports technician testing programs; and

Whereas, the automotive aftermarket is committed to educating motorists about the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to ensure vehicles are safer, more dependable and fuel efficient, and run more cleanly by participating in consumer awareness initiatives like the Car Care Council's "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and the designation of April as National Car Care Month; and

Whereas, the "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and National Car Care Month are the automotive aftermarket's collective effort to reach out to motorists and impart an understanding and appreciation of the personal and societal importance of proper vehicle maintenance; now therefore

Be It Resolved, that the CA Leg recognizes the considerable contribution of the automotive aftermarket to the state's economy, transportation system, and environmental stewardship while also providing robust consumer choices for the transportation needs of all Californians; and

Be It Further Resolved that the CA Legislature recognizes and applauds the automotive aftermarket's efforts through the "Be Car Care Aware" campaign and National Car Care Month to educate the motoring public about the importance, safety and environmental stewardship facilitated by proper vehicle maintenance; and

Be It Further Resolved that the State of California recognizes and supports the designation of April as National Car Care Month and encourages all citizens to participate in activities that promote proper vehicle maintenance.