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On behalf of the California Biotechnology Foundation we wanted to let you know about ACR 116 by Assemblymember Jerry Hill and Senator Ellen Corbett which proclaims May 12, 2010 as California Lab Day.

ACR 116 is modeled after the National Lab Day Program which is a key component of President Obama's "Educate to Innovate" policy. National Lab Day is designed to reinvigorate student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education by building local communities of support that will foster ongoing scientific collaborations among volunteers, students and educators.

National Lab Day is more than just one single day – it's a yearlong and ongoing movement to foster science education across the country. Volunteers, university students, scientists, engineers, other STEM professionals and community members are working together with educators and students to bring discovery-based science experiences to students in grades K-12. The National Lab Day Website, www.nationallabday.org, is the portal through which students, educators and science experts connect. When an educator posts a project, National Lab Day helps them get the resources needed to bring that project to fruition.

The Obama Administration's National Lab Day program has asked the California Biotechnology Foundation and the BIOCUM Institute to partner with their nationwide, non-partisan group which includes President Obama, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, former Secretary of Education Dick Riley, Delaine Eastin, Sally Ride and many others.

National Lab Day and ACR 116 supports California's lifescience industry mission to build and maintain a highly skilled and diverse biomedical workforce. The National Lab Day website is an excellent opportunity to connect California's biotechnology companies with statewide education programs. We hope that you will take a look at the site and help spread the word out about this exceptional program.

If you have any questions about ACR 116 please contact Nate Solov in Assemblymember Hill's office at (916) 319-2019. For more information about National Lab Day please contact me at (916) 233-3499 or patty.cooper@cabiotech.org.