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### **California Senate Recognizes Work of Engineering Sector as Part of National Engineers Week**

**SACRAMENTO, February 17, 2010** – The California Senate today recognized the contributions made by engineers to the state's infrastructure and economy with SR 33, presented by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima).

The resolution celebrates National Engineers Week, which is celebrated each year during the week of George Washington's birthday, and this year runs from February 14 through February 20.

National Engineers Week is designed to attract more young people to careers in the engineering sector. Washington, the first President of the United States and widely considered to be the father of the nation, was trained as a land surveyor and spent some of his time in the US Army as a military engineer.

SR 33 spotlights the wide range of contributions that engineers and surveyors make in all aspects of modern life.

ACEC California President Tom Blackburn was on the Senate floor for the presentation of the resolutions.

“ACEC California is very grateful for the support shown by Senator Padilla in presenting this resolution acknowledging the work of all engineers,” said Blackburn. “Engineering is a profession that adds significant enhancements to society by designing and building large scale infrastructure and, in the process, creates jobs that advance our broader economy. Private sector engineers in California have helped the state build vital projects such as roads, bridges, rail lines, levees, schools and more efficiently, cost effectively and to the highest standards and we stand ready to do more,” Blackburn added.

Last month, ACEC California honored 11 projects completed last year led by private engineering firms. The highest honor – the Golden State Award – was given to HDR, Inc. for its role as lead engineer on the Gills Onions Advanced Energy Recovery System, an innovative onion waste recycling system that will result in a six year pay-back to the operator, the largest fresh-cut onion processor in the nation. Other projects honored included the Folsom Lake Crossing (CH2M Hill/URS); Sand City Brackish Water Treatment facility (CDM) and Port of Long Beach Pier T/Berth T-121 BP Cold Ironing Project (AECOM Technology). Detailed information on all eleven projects is included in panels on display in the Capitol and also on the organization’s website at [www.acec-ca.org](http://www.acec-ca.org) <<http://www.acec-ca.org>> .

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