CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly

RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Julia Brownley, 41st Assembly District; the Honorable Pedro Nava, 35th Assembly District; and the Honorable Fran Pavley, 23rd Senatorial District; Relative to the dedication of the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute for Workforce and Community Studies

Whereas, On November 15, 2010, the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute for Workforce and Community Studies will open at California State University, Channel Islands, and it is appropriate to draw the special attention of the public to this significant event; and

Whereas, Named for well-known Workforce and Community Leader Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo, the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute (HLI) will address the importance of workforce issues as they relate to the health of statewide and national economies, the vitality of communities, and the correlation between opportunity and the quality of life in society, and

Whereas, As a nonpartisan, public policy organization, the HLI will conduct research and publish with a commitment to providing policymakers at the regional, state, and national levels with the best current information and politically unbiased insights on the complexities of sustainable workforce issues that face society today and that will impact the future, and

Whereas, Housed on the campus of California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI), the HLI will be located within Ventura County, a "living laboratory" and unique location complete with access to the challenges faced by large cities, agriculture, the service sector, light industry, the United States military, international business, and much more; and

Whereas, The HLI will use the University’s academic resources to conduct scholarly studies, obtain data, and host forums to address fact-based community and economic development issues, and in keeping with the core values of (CSUCI), studies will be interdisciplinary, balanced with environmental sensibility, and consider international and ever-evolving cultural and demographic influences, and

Whereas, In recognition of Hank Lacayo’s lifetime of active dedication to the nation’s workforce and community development, it is appropriate to envision an institute that continues his legacy, a public institution dedicated to issues of social, cultural, environment, and economic importance, and

Whereas, Hank Lacayo, of Newbury Park, has been an active community volunteer since his retirement in 1986 as the National Director of the United Auto Workers (UAW) political and legislative department, and he enjoyed a distinguished career as a representative from the UAW for the past 49 years and is a recognized national labor leader; and

Whereas, Hank Lacayo lends his expertise as State President of the Congress of California Seniors and serves as advisor to the National Association for the Hispanic Elderly and as coordinator for the Southern California UAW Retiree Council; and

Whereas, Hank Lacayo has dedicated most of his life to labor rights and activism within disadvantaged communities and has had a key part in supporting rights movements in the United States, having marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. in Washington, D.C., worked with Cesar Chavez to support farm worker rights, and meeting most United States Presidents over the past 40 years; and

Whereas, Although retired from the labor movement, Hank Lacayo continues his work as President of the Congress of California Seniors and shares his wise counsel with various boards, associations, and organizations, including, but not limited to, the Ventura County Community Foundation, Ventura County American Red Cross, United Way, and Wellness Community, and

Whereas, The dedication of the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute of Workforce and Community Studies stands as a fine testament to Henry "Hank" Lacayo, whose support of professional and civic projects and programs display great community pride, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assembly Members Julia Brownley and Pedro Nava and Senator Fran Pavley, That the attention of the public be drawn to the dedication of the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute of Workforce and Community Studies, and that the people of the community in this fitting tribute to an individual whose contributions to the local area, the State of California and beyond have made a lasting impact.

Members Resolution No. 2445
Dated this 15th day of November, 2010