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ASCCA Member James Justus Invited as Honorary Guest to Attend President Obama's Final State of the Union Address

SACRAMENTO – The Automotive Services Council of California (ASCCA) today announced that James Justus, Vice Chair of the ASCCA Government Affairs Committee, has been selected by Congressman Juan Vargas, of San Diego, to be his honorary guest at President Obama's final State of the Union Address in Washington, DC.

"I felt truly honored to be invited, because members of Congress can only invite one person, and he could have chosen anyone," said James, saying he was offered the ticket during a casual conversation with Congressman Vargas at a racing event in San Diego. "I'm not sure where I'm going to sit, but I'm really excited to be there. It'll be my first time, obviously."

For over four decades, James has served ASCCA in various capacities at both the local and state level, participating in quarterly Team Weekends and Conferences. Though attending the State of the Union is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, James is no stranger to rubbing shoulders with elected officials. He's been known to regularly contact his legislators on issues affecting California's auto shop owners, earning their trust as someone who will offer his honest advice based on decades of experience in the industry.

Mandated by the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 3 states, "He shall from time to time give to Congress information of the State of the Union." Though it is not required that the President gives a speech, every president since Franklin Roosevelt has done so to a packed, joint session of Congress, with members of the House of Representatives, Senators, the Supreme Court, cabinet secretaries, and other prominent Americans in attendance. It's a crowd in which James Justus will fit in perfectly.

Founded in 1940, the Automotive Service Councils of California is the largest independent automotive repair organization in California. Its members represent all areas of the automotive repair industry, including mechanical, auto body, suppliers and educators.

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