

**Executive Department**  
**State of California**

**PROCLAMATION**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Walter J. Zable, born on June 17, 1915 in Los Angeles, was a man ahead of his times. As a boy growing up in a working-class family during the Great Depression, he developed a passion for technology, a passion he would share with so many great Californian entrepreneurs of the decades that followed. After a stellar record as a college athlete, Zable began his career designing communication systems for the aircraft that helped bring us victory in World War II. When he started his own business in San Diego in 1949, he became an early example of the long and illustrious line of technologists who developed their first products in California garages. In 1951, Zable founded the Cubic Corporation, which grew into a major public company responsible for such now-ubiquitous innovations as the user-controlled elevator, the electronic scoreboard and the “smart card” for public-transit fares. In 1964, a Cubic satellite completed the first geodetic survey of Earth, and the company created technologies used in the Hubble Space Telescope and Apollo spacecraft.

Zable remained CEO, chairman and president of Cubic until his death at age 97, and was considered the oldest active executive at any publicly traded company. For his innovations, his successes in sport and business and his philanthropic contributions, and as a true exemplar of the California Dream, the life of Walter J. Zable richly deserves to be celebrated.

**NOW THEREFORE I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2012, as Walter J. Zable Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this 6th day of July 2012.



  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

  
DEBRA BOWEN  
Secretary of State