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## **ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERRYHILL WINS SUSHI CONTEST**

*Capitol Roller Competition included four competitors in Sacramento today*

SACRAMENTO – In a competitive yet friendly culinary competition, Assembly Member Bill Berryhill rolled his way to victory as Capitol Roller, signifying California’s top legislative sushi maker.

Assembly Member Berryhill defeated California Resources Secretary John Laird, Assembly Member Richard Pan and James Gore, Assistant Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service during the 11<sup>th</sup> annual California Rice Commission (CRC) Circle of Life Reception, held today at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. The CRC represents the entire rice industry, which generates about \$1.8 billion to the local economy every year.

In winning the 2012 Capitol Roller award, Assembly Member Berryhill receives a framed Samurai sword, until next year’s competition. He was presented the award by Assembly Member Fiona Ma, who had won the two previous competitions.

The three competitors received expert coaching in making a California roll from Billy Ngo, Executive Chef of Kru Restaurant in Sacramento.

More than 100 people attended the reception, where the CRC awarded the Circle of Life Award to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for their partnership with California rice farmers in wildlife conservation programs.

The California Rice Industry includes 2,500 family farmers and handlers who grow and process virtually all of the nation’s sushi rice.