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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 49

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alejo, Hall, and V. Manuel Pérez)

July 2, 2014

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 49—Relative to immigration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 49, as amended, Gonzalez. Immigration: deportation.

This measure would urge President Obama to take executive action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011,
2 there were 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Deportations have reached record levels under
5 President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000
6 since 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, According to Members of Congress Raul M.
8 Grijalva and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration
9 reportedly prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals
10 with no serious criminal history consistently have been deported;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Increased deportations and a continuously broken
13 immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United
14 States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

1 WHEREAS, Separation of children from their parents,
2 irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe
3 consequences for young ~~children~~ *children*, who are *often* left with
4 no parental guidance or care and a highly unstable financial
5 situation; and

6 WHEREAS, As immigration continues to be at the center of a
7 national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement
8 a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families
9 together; and

10 WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 10.3 million
11 immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are not authorized
12 to live in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Many Members of Congress recently signed a
14 letter requesting President Obama to suspend any further
15 deportations; and

16 WHEREAS, Since California is home to a large number of
17 unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state
18 should make it a priority to keep families together and continue
19 to press President Obama and Congress for a solution to our broken
20 federal immigration system; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
22 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges President Obama to
23 take executive action to suspend any further deportations of
24 ~~unauthorized~~ *legalization-eligible* individuals with no serious
25 criminal history; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
27 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
28 States, to the Speaker of the United States House of
29 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
30 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the
31 Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate
32 distribution.

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