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No. 52

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 52—Relative to military base realignment and closure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 52, as amended, Linder. Military base realignment and closure: County of Riverside.

This measure would declare that the Legislature joins the County of Riverside in opposing base realignment and closure affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, and March Air Reserve Base.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Navy’s Naval Surface Warfare
2 Center, Corona Division, and March Air Reserve Base are located
3 in the County of Riverside; and

4 WHEREAS, The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona
5 Division, and March Air Reserve Base are major employers in the
6 southern California region and major contributors to the region’s
7 economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Both military installations generate an annual
9 payroll approaching \$1 billion for local workers in the civilian and
10 military workforces; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense contracts
12 with 900 small business owners located in the County of Riverside
13 and its 28 cities, representing \$5 billion of economic activity and
14 thousands of direct and indirect jobs in the region; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense has
16 repeatedly recommended that the United States Congress authorize
17 the closing of military bases domestically and abroad; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense has
19 specifically requested that another Base Realignment and Closure
20 Commission be authorized in the near future to close military bases
21 across the nation and around the globe; and

22 WHEREAS, The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona
23 Division, and March Air Reserve Base are assets to the United
24 States Armed Forces and both installations provide unique missions
25 in support of national security and disaster response that make
26 these bases ideal to serve as national models for military and
27 defense missions; and

28 WHEREAS, Both installations have been reviewed by prior
29 Base Realignment and Closure Commissions, which resulted in
30 March Air Force Base being realigned to a reserve installation and
31 adverse impacts to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona
32 Division; and

33 WHEREAS, Base realignment and closure adversely impacts
34 the economies of the County of Riverside and its 28 cities, and the
35 region has not fully recovered from the jobs lost as a result of
36 previous base realignment and closure; and

37 WHEREAS, The reuse of lands outside the cantonment area of
38 March Air Reserve Base has not progressed for a variety of reasons
39 related to the Great Recession and a lack of capital available for
40 financing; and

1 WHEREAS, Representatives in the United States Senate and
2 House of Representatives oppose further cuts, reductions, and
3 realignments to the missions and resources of these two
4 installations; and

5 WHEREAS, The Office of Military and Defense Services of
6 the County of Riverside opposes base realignment and closure
7 affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, and
8 March Air Reserve Base; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
10 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature joins the County of
11 Riverside in opposing another round of base realignment and
12 closure affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona
13 Division, and March Air Reserve Base; and be it further

14 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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