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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 7

Introduced by Assembly Member Mathis

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7—Relative to veterans business enterprise.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 7, as amended, Mathis. Veterans: first businesses.

This measure would request the Congress of the United States of America to further amend the GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available to veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Men and women of the State of California
2 volunteer to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in
3 greater numbers than those from any other state; and

4 WHEREAS, California is currently home to more than 1,800,000
5 veterans of our Armed Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, California veterans have been grateful recipients
7 of the financial support of their fellow Americans through the
8 Veterans Administration and the GI Bill; and

9 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States passed, and
10 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the GI Bill of Rights in
11 1944 to support our veterans of World War II in their transition
12 back to civilian life; and

13 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States in 2008 added
14 significant new benefits for those who enlisted to serve the nation
15 in the wake of the attacks on the United States on September 11,
16 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, Up to 10 percent of veterans choose to start, run,
18 and own their own businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, Over 30 percent of veterans of Operation Iraqi
20 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and other fronts on the
21 war against terrorism are receiving disability ratings from the
22 federal Veterans Administration; and

23 WHEREAS, More than five million Americans, including over
24 one-half million Californians, served in those conflicts; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of California is the recognized national
26 leader in the establishment and success of veteran business owner
27 procurement support programs; and

28 WHEREAS, Veteran businesses make a significant contribution
29 to the state's economy and serve as a source of employment for
30 fellow veterans; and

31 WHEREAS, Finding enough capital to successfully launch a
32 new business or buy an existing business is the largest challenge
33 that new business owners face; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
35 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature requests that the Congress
36 of the United States of America further amend the GI Bill of Rights
37 to make benefits available, with all appropriate safeguards, to all
38 veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first
39 businesses; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
3 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
4 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
5 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
6 States.

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