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**Introduced by Senator Glazer  
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Confederate States of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 15, as introduced, Glazer. Confederate States of America.

This bill would urge the Congress and the President of the United States to rename any federal buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned property that bear the names of those associated with the Confederate States of America.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Confederate States of America and its  
2 secessionist movement were rooted in the defense of slavery; and  
3 WHEREAS, Using the names of those associated with the  
4 Confederate States of America for federal buildings, parks,  
5 roadways, or other federally owned property only deepens the pain  
6 of those living under the legacy of slavery; and  
7 WHEREAS, The United States of America continues to struggle  
8 with racial equality and tolerance; and  
9 WHEREAS, The continued use of names associated with the  
10 Confederacy in public places is offensive to Americans who  
11 treasure the United States as one nation under God, indivisible,  
12 with liberty and justice for all; and  
13 WHEREAS, The horrific shooting deaths of nine African  
14 Americans attending church in South Carolina have once again  
15 raised the searing issue of racial violence and intolerance; and

1 WHEREAS, The ensuing images of the killer wrapping himself  
2 in the Confederate flag points to the continued use of that emblem  
3 of cruel oppression as a way to further demean, offend, and wound  
4 whole segments of our society; and

5 WHEREAS, The use of Confederate-associated names in public  
6 schools, buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned  
7 property in California only serves to further the discriminatory  
8 agenda of current sympathizers of the ideology of the Confederate  
9 States of America, and is antithetical to California's mission of  
10 racial equality and tolerance; now; therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
12 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature respectfully urges the  
13 Congress and the President of the United States to rename any  
14 federal buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned  
15 property that bear the names of those associated with the  
16 Confederate States of America; and be it further

17 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
18 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
19 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
20 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
21 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
22 States.