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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 15

**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 amended, 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 elected or military leaders of 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 elected or military leaders of
- 4 the Confederate States of America for federal buildings, parks,

1 roadways, or other federally owned property only deepens the pain
2 of those living under the legacy of slavery; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States of America continues to struggle
4 with racial equality and tolerance; and

5 WHEREAS, The continued use of names of elected or military
6 leaders of the Confederacy in public places is offensive to
7 Americans who treasure the United States as one nation under
8 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; and

9 WHEREAS, The horrific shooting deaths of nine African
10 Americans attending church in South Carolina have once again
11 raised the searing issue of racial violence and intolerance; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The use of Confederate leaders' names in public
17 schools, buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned
18 property in California only serves to further the discriminatory
19 agenda of current sympathizers of the ideology of the Confederate
20 States of America, and is antithetical to California's mission of
21 racial equality and tolerance; now; therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
23 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature respectfully urges the
24 Congress and the President of the United States to rename any
25 federal buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned
26 property that bear the names of elected or military leaders of the
27 Confederate States of America; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
30 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
31 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
32 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
33 States.