

**Introduced by Senator Huff**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 21—Relative to immigration: Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST**

SJR 21, as introduced, Huff. Immigration: Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

This measure would urge Congress and the President of the United States to support the principles within the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015, effectively strengthening the screening process for Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States is a diverse nation of immigrants  
2 and welcomes people from many nations escaping the clutches of  
3 tyranny and war; and  
4 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2016, the Obama administration  
5 remains committed to its goal of admitting at least 10,000 Syrian  
6 refugees into the United States; and  
7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland  
8 Security has continued to allow refugees to enter the country  
9 through an inadequate screening process; and  
10 WHEREAS, Terrorists have displayed the ability to exploit  
11 weaknesses in immigration and humanitarian refugee admission  
12 policies in the United States and worldwide; and  
13 WHEREAS, On November 13, 2015, terrorists attacked Paris,  
14 France, killing 130 people and injuring 368 people, resulting in  
15 one of the deadliest attacks in modern times; and

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the United States have suffered at  
2 the hands of terrorists, most recently in San Bernardino, California,  
3 with the killing of 14 people and injuring 22 people and the attacks  
4 on September 11, 2001; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
6 *California, jointly*, That the United States has the responsibility  
7 to the American people to ensure our national security; and be it  
8 further

9 *Resolved*, That the President of the United States, the Congress  
10 of the United States, and the California State Legislature have  
11 sworn an oath to protect the Constitution of the United States  
12 against all enemies foreign and domestic; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That, for the purposes of national security, the  
14 Legislature urges the President and Congress of the United States  
15 to support the principles within the American Security Against  
16 Foreign Enemies Act of 2015, effectively strengthening the  
17 screening process for Syrian and Iraqi refugees; and be it further

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