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Senate Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Sally Ride statue.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 4, as introduced, Lara. Sally Ride statue.

This measure would memorialize the Congress of the United States to place a statue of Sally Ride next to the statue of former President Ronald Reagan in the Congressional collection representing California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, By act of the Congress of the United States, each
2 state is invited to provide two statues of distinguished citizens for
3 display in the United States Capitol; and
4 WHEREAS, California, in years past, provided two statues of
5 notable citizens that have been displayed in the United States
6 Capitol; and
7 WHEREAS, One of those statues is of Father Junipero Serra
8 who is known as an eloquent preacher and founder of numerous
9 missions throughout California; and
10 WHEREAS, Father Junipero Serra can best be memorialized
11 by locating his statue in a place of honor in the Capitol of
12 California where citizens and visitors can enjoy it and be reminded
13 of his significant historical impact upon our state; and

1 WHEREAS, California has a citizen born in California, Sally
2 Kristen Ride, Ph.D., who is exceptionally worthy of national
3 commemoration. She stands alone in California and American
4 history as a pioneer in space exploration, academia, and as a role
5 model to Americans everywhere; and

6 WHEREAS, On June 18, 1983, Sally Ride became the first
7 American woman and youngest person to go into space when she
8 traveled aboard the Challenger; and

9 WHEREAS, Sally Ride served her country, California, and
10 future generations as a member of the President's Committee of
11 Advisors on Science and Technology; director of the California
12 Space Institute; inductee into the National Women's Hall of Fame,
13 the California Hall of Fame, the Aviation Hall of Fame, and the
14 Astronaut Hall of Fame; recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public
15 Service, the von Braun Award, the Lindbergh Eagle, the NCAA's
16 Theodore Roosevelt Award, and the NASA Space Flight Medal
17 (twice); and

18 WHEREAS, Sally Ride has posthumously received the
19 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor bestowed
20 in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, the People of California wish to place a statue of
22 Sally Kristen Ride, Ph.D. in Statuary Hall in the United States
23 Capitol; and

24 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women shall
25 select a commission to represent the state in selecting the sculptor
26 or sculptors to sculpt the statue and obtain the necessary funds to
27 carry out this resolution; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
29 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
30 respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to
31 place a statue of Sally Kristen Ride alongside the statue of former
32 President Ronald Reagan in the Congressional collection
33 representing the State of California; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
35 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
36 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority
37 Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from
38 California in the Congress of the United States.

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