

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 18, 2015

**Senate Joint Resolution**

**No. 4**

---

---

**Introduced by Senator Lara**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Atkins)

**(Coauthors: Senators Galgiani, Hall, Hancock, Jackson, Leno,  
Leyva, Mitchell, Pavley, and Wolk)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonilla, Campos, Eggman,  
Cristina Garcia, Gonzalez, Gordon, and Low)

January 29, 2015

---

---

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 4, as amended, 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~~

1 California where citizens and visitors can enjoy it and be reminded  
2 of his significant historical impact upon our state; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
37 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
38 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority

- 1 Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from
- 2 California in the Congress of the United States.

O