

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 45**

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Introduced by Assembly ~~Member—Morrissey~~ *Members Morrissey, Aguiar, Alby, Allen, Alpert, Archie-Hudson, Baldwin, Bates, Battin, Boland, Bordonaro, Bowen, Bowler, Brewer, Valerie Brown, Willie Brown, Brulte, Bustamante, Caldera, Campbell, Cannella, Conroy, Cortese, Cunneen, Davis, Ducheny, Escutia, Figueroa, Frusetta, Gallegos, Goldsmith, Granlund, Harvey, Hauser, Hawkins, Hoge, House, Isenberg, Kaloogian, Katz, Knight, Knox, Kuehl, Lee, Machado, Margett, Martinez, Mazzoni, McDonald, McPherson, Miller, Morrow, Willard Murray, Napolitano, Olberg, Poochigian, Pringle, Rainey, Richter, Rogan, Setencich, Sher, Speier, Sweeney, Takasugi, Thompson, Tucker, Vasconcellos, Villaraigosa, and Woods*

September 5, 1995

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 45—Relative to Jimmy Tran.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 45, as amended, Morrissey. Jimmy Tran.

This measure would memorialize the President to use the United States' new diplomatic relations with Vietnam to secure the release of Jimmy Tran from prison and his return to the United States.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran valiantly fought for the  
2 freedom of his country for seven years as a member of the  
3 Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and

4 WHEREAS, After the fall of Saigon, Jimmy Tran  
5 escaped from a reeducation camp and continued to fight  
6 the totalitarian regime as a member of the democratic  
7 movement; and

8 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran escaped Vietnam in 1978 and  
9 came to the United States to start a new life in a free  
10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran became a citizen of the  
12 United States and continued to work for freedom and  
13 democracy through patriotic organizations in his adopted  
14 country; and

15 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran returned to Vietnam in  
16 January 1993 to promote the cause of freedom in  
17 Vietnam; and

18 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran was arrested on February 15,  
19 1993, and charged with planning to denigrate symbols of  
20 the Hanoi regime; and

21 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran was denied a lawyer of his  
22 choice, tried in secret with a predetermined verdict, and  
23 sentenced to 20 years in one of Vietnam's most notorious  
24 prisons; and

25 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran now suffers in prison from  
26 severe malnutrition and, at the age of 44, has become  
27 nearly blind; and

28 WHEREAS, The United States has formally recognized  
29 the communist government of Vietnam in hopes of  
30 bringing democratic reforms to that nation; and

31 WHEREAS, Jimmy Tran should be enabled to return  
32 home to his wife and four young children; now, therefore,  
33 be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of*  
35 *California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of*  
36 *California respectfully memorialize the President of the*  
37 *United States to use our new diplomatic relations with*  
38 *Vietnam to secure the release of Jimmy Tran and his*  
39 *return to his wife and children in the United States; and*  
40 *be it further*



1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and  
3 Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of  
4 State, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
5 to each Senator and Representative from California in the  
6 Congress of the United States.

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