

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member Weggeland
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9—Relative to Norco Naval Warfare Assessment Division.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 9, as introduced, Weggeland. Norco Naval Warfare Assessment Division.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the continued operation of the Norco Naval Warfare Assessment Division.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has occupied the
2 site of the Naval Warfare Assessment Division in Norco,
3 California since 1941; and

4 WHEREAS, The Naval Warfare Assessment Division
5 has, since 1951, served the Navy as an independent
6 assessment agent to gauge the war-fighting capacity of
7 ships and aircraft, from unit to battlegroup level, by
8 assessing the suitability of design, the performance of
9 equipment and weapons, and the adequacy of training;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Naval Warfare Assessment Division
12 had its beginning in the Navy during a period when great

1 advancements in weapons technology were being
2 developed and introduced to the fleet; and

3 WHEREAS, These new technologies brought with
4 them problems in development, acquisition, operation,
5 and support; and

6 WHEREAS, The Navy needed an unbiased resource
7 with direct access to fleet users in order to provide an
8 objective assessment of war-fighting capability,
9 performance, and effects of improvements; and

10 WHEREAS, This independent, unbiased assessment
11 has been honed over time into a consolidated, centrally
12 located, and fully integrated organization dedicated to
13 provide Navy and other Department of Defense
14 decisionmakers with critical, accurate, and reliable
15 information needed to improve the war-fighting
16 capability and readiness of U.S. Armed Forces; and

17 WHEREAS, The threats and challenges facing the
18 military today cannot be met using the technology of
19 yesterday; and

20 WHEREAS, The Naval Warfare Assessment Division
21 services focus on weapon and combat system
22 performance, fleet training effectiveness, systems, and
23 material quality and these services are sponsored by more
24 than 120 Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force
25 programs, and by other U.S. and foreign government
26 agencies; and

27 WHEREAS, More than 3,500 government and industry
28 customers rely on the Naval Warfare Assessment Division
29 for its expertise; and

30 WHEREAS, The newly opened Warfare Assessment
31 Laboratory in Norco has become the focal point for
32 integrated analysis that electronically links analysts at the
33 Norco site with Navy firing ranges, ships at sea, and
34 aircraft or missiles in actual flight, allowing near real time
35 access to data that used to take weeks to obtain and
36 compile; and

37 WHEREAS, This laboratory is a unique facility that can
38 support functions that no other single facility in the
39 United States can support such as Joint Service exercises,
40 war gaming, and simulation; and



1 WHEREAS, The central location of the Naval Warfare
2 Assessment Division in Norco is ideal. The facility is in
3 close proximity to the San Diego Naval Complex, the Port
4 Hueneme/Ventura plain Naval Complex, Camp
5 Pendleton, and China Lake. Furthermore, the Naval
6 Warfare Assessment Division is independent of each of
7 these other facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Naval Warfare Assessment Division
9 contributes more than \$149 million to the region's
10 economy by employing more than 1,000 people and by
11 using more than 400 contractors and suppliers; and

12 WHEREAS, For all of the above reasons, the Naval
13 Warfare Assessment Division is of the utmost importance
14 in maintaining the preparedness of the armed forces for
15 the defense of the United States; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of*
17 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature hereby
18 memorializes the President and the Congress of the
19 United States to provide for the continued operation of
20 the Norco Naval Warfare Assessment Division as an
21 essential facility for the readiness and defense of the
22 United States; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
24 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and
25 Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the
26 House of Representatives, and to each Senator and
27 Representatives from California in the Congress of the
28 United States.

