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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 11

Introduced by Assembly Member Romero

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 11, as amended, Romero. Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to press for the safe and speedy

return of United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez and all other prisoners of war.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed
2 Forces have consistently answered their nation's call to
3 duty with honor and bravery; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians serve proudly and with
5 distinction in every branch of the United States Armed
6 Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The residents of California praise the
8 sacrifices of our families, friends, and acquaintances in
9 military service who have entered harm's way; and

10 WHEREAS, One California native, United States Army
11 Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, was taken prisoner
12 while part of a peacekeeping force on the
13 Yugoslav-Macedonia border; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Ramirez was raised in East
15 Los Angeles, a proud community in the 49th Assembly
16 District which is home to many veterans and active
17 members of the armed forces; and

18 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Ramirez volunteered for
19 military service in 1992 following his graduation from
20 high school; and

21 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Ramirez proudly serves his
22 nation as a cavalry scout for the First Infantry Division of
23 the United States Army; and

24 WHEREAS, The uncertainty of Staff Sergeant
25 Ramirez's welfare has caused his family unimaginable
26 grief and anguish; and

27 WHEREAS, The residents of East Los Angeles and the
28 State of California stand united in support of Staff
29 Sergeant Ramirez, his captured colleagues, and their
30 families; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of*
32 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature commends
33 United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez
34 for heroically and courageously executing his military
35 duties in furtherance of overseas peacekeeping efforts;
36 and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature respectfully
2 memorializes the President and the Congress of the
3 United States to press for the safe and speedy return of
4 Staff Sergeant Ramirez and all other prisoners of war; and
5 be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
7 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
8 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
9 Representatives, President pro Tem of the United States
10 Senate, each Senator and Representative from California
11 in the Congress of the United States, and to the family of
12 Staff Sergeant Ramirez.

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