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No. 11

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April 5, 1999



Assembly Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, *Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone, and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 11, as amended, Romero. Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, *Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone, and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales.*

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, *Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone, Specialist Steven M. Gonzales,* 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



1 WHEREAS, The uncertainty of Staff Sergeant
2 Ramirez’s welfare has caused his family unimaginable
3 grief and anguish; and

4 WHEREAS, The residents of East Los Angeles and the
5 State of California stand united in support of Staff
6 Sergeant Ramirez, his captured colleagues, *Staff Sergeant*
7 *Christopher J. Stone, and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales,*
8 and their families; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of*
10 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature commends
11 United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez
12 for heroically and courageously executing his military
13 duties in furtherance of overseas peacekeeping efforts;
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the Legislature respectfully
16 memorializes the President and the Congress of the
17 United States to press for the safe and speedy return of
18 Staff Sergeant Ramirez, *Staff Sergeant Stone, Specialist*
19 *Gonzales,* and all other prisoners of war; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
21 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
22 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
23 Representatives, President pro Tem of the United States
24 Senate, each Senator and Representative from California
25 in the Congress of the United States, and to the family of
26 Staff Sergeant Ramirez.

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28 CORRECTIONS

29 **Heading — Line 11.**

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