

## Senate Joint Resolution No. 11

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 12

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 11, Solis. United States Army Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales.

This measure would memorialize the President of the United States and the United States Congress to secure and expedite the safe return of Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales who were captured by the Yugoslav Armed Forces in Macedonia.

WHEREAS, California stands behind our armed forces whenever soldiers are in harm's way in the name of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, Many valiant Californians join the United States Armed Forces to uphold freedom and liberty throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, One such brave individual, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, exemplifies the best qualities of California's commitment to freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez was taken prisoner by Yugoslav Armed Forces while he, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales were on a peace mission in Macedonia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez originates from East Los Angeles in the 24th Senate District; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez joined the United States Army in July 1992 and is a cavalry scout in B Troop of the Fourth Cavalry of the First Infantry Division who was stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany, prior to deployment in Macedonia; and

WHEREAS, Communities in California and especially East Los Angeles anxiously await the safe release of Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales captured by the Yugoslav Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California commend Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and



Specialist Steven Gonzales for courageously executing their duties as members of the United States Armed Forces; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature respectfully urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to do all that is within their power to secure and expedite the safe return of Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone, and Specialist Steven Gonzales captured by the Yugoslav Armed Forces in Macedonia; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

