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Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to Guantanamo Bay.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 11, as introduced, Runner. Guantanamo Bay: detention facility.

This bill would urge the President of the United States and the Congress to employ necessary measures to ensure that no terrorist or suspected terrorist detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is permitted to enter California in custody or otherwise.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The imminent closure of the United States detention
- 2 facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba raises the inescapable conclusion
- 3 that the terrorists or suspected terrorists who remain in the facility
- 4 will be transferred to alternative prisons or released here or abroad;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, This group includes extraordinarily dangerous men
- 7 like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, mastermind of the September 11
- 8 attacks on the United States, and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who

1 orchestrated the 2000 attack that killed 17 United States sailors
2 aboard the U.S.S. Cole; and

3 WHEREAS, Terrorists like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who
4 has bragged about decapitating American journalist Daniel Pearl
5 and openly expresses his desire to kill more Americans, are now
6 securely confined in the United States detention facility at
7 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

8 WHEREAS, The President has not articulated a clear plan for
9 the disposition of these terrorists but confirms that they will all be
10 moved; and

11 WHEREAS, The people of California, who were identified as
12 potential targets for the September 11 attacks, are profoundly
13 concerned that a lack of vigilance will result in the release of
14 terrorists who may once again threaten their families; and

15 WHEREAS, The safety of our citizens is our paramount concern;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
18 *California, jointly,* That the California State Legislature
19 respectfully urges the President of the United States and the
20 Congress of the United States to employ necessary measures to
21 ensure that no terrorist or suspected terrorist detained at
22 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is permitted to enter California in custody
23 or otherwise; and be it further

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