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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 28

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28—Relative to the United States Postal Service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 28, as amended, Cook. United States Postal Service.

This measure would urge the United States Postal Service to end its plan to reduce the frequency of mail delivery from 6 days to 5 days a week, and to take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of this 6-day mail delivery service.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has proposed to
- 2 reduce the frequency of its mail delivery service from six days to
- 3 five days a week; and

1 WHEREAS, Reducing the frequency of delivery service would
2 seriously reduce the ability of the United States Postal Service,
3 which after the Department of Defense is the largest employer of
4 veterans in the nation, to offer decent jobs and benefits to our brave
5 servicemen and women, who are deployed overseas, when they
6 return home from their tour of duty; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service provides essential
8 service to rural communities by helping to keep them connected
9 to the rest of the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Six-day mail delivery to over 150 million homes
11 and businesses across the nation is an essential service that the
12 American people have relied on since 1912, particularly families
13 that depend on the United States Postal Service for the timely
14 delivery of their bills, payments, paychecks, and other
15 correspondences; and

16 WHEREAS, Social security is the primary or sole source of
17 income for many senior citizens, and any delay in the delivery of
18 their social security checks would make it difficult for them to
19 purchase essential items, such as food and mail-order prescription
20 drugs; and

21 WHEREAS, Many California businesses and dozens of small
22 and large produce suppliers rely heavily on the United States Postal
23 Service to provide timely delivery of their products across the
24 nation; and

25 WHEREAS, Reducing mail delivery service to five days a week
26 would inevitably cause delays in the delivery of mail and higher
27 postal costs due to the additional overtime that the United States
28 Postal Service would require in order to handle the resulting
29 backlog of mail; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
31 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the United States
32 Postal Service to end its plan to reduce the frequency of mail
33 delivery from six days to five days a week, and to take all
34 appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of this six-day
35 mail delivery service; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
38 States, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
39 Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
40 States Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California

- 1 in the Congress of the United States, to the United States
- 2 Postmaster, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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