

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Members Furutani and Bonnie Lowenthal
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to the USS Iowa.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 8, as introduced, Furutani. USS Iowa.

This measure would memorialize the United States Navy to approve the application submitted by the Pacific Battleship Center to house the USS Iowa at the Port of Los Angeles

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The USS Iowa served in a number of significant
2 battles during World War II, but is most popularly known as the
3 ship that carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic
4 for meetings with Winston Churchill; and
5 WHEREAS, The Pacific Battleship Center, a nonprofit
6 organization, has proposed using the battleship as a waterfront
7 floating museum, that, if approved, would make the USS Iowa the
8 west coast’s only major World War II battleship; and
9 WHEREAS, This proposal has significant support from the San
10 Pedro area neighborhood councils and businesses, as this historic
11 battleship could significantly increase tourism, and would
12 subsequently have a much needed positive economic impact on
13 the City of Los Angeles, which is critical during these economic
14 times; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pacific Battleship Center has pledged to fund
2 the costs associated with housing the USS Iowa; and

3 WHEREAS, The proposal will ensure all efforts and actions are
4 taken to avoid any costs or burdens to the Port of Los Angeles, the
5 surrounding communities, or local government entities to bring
6 the USS Iowa to Los Angeles, maintain it, or return it to the United
7 States Navy in case it is not successful; and

8 WHEREAS, The berthing of the USS Iowa Battleship in the
9 Port of Los Angeles will serve as a community asset creating
10 cultural, educational, and historical benefits to San Pedro and the
11 surrounding communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The proposal will provide the anchor for the Fire
13 Boat Display, Maritime Museum, and Lane Victory, and create a
14 “Historical Core” for visitor draw; and

15 WHEREAS, The Port of Los Angeles, as well as the surrounding
16 communities, draws over 500,000 tourists per year, making it an
17 ideal home that will ensure several hundred thousand visitors
18 annually to the USS Iowa; and

19 WHEREAS, The proposed location in the Port of Los Angeles
20 is ideally situated for easy freeway and traffic access; and

21 WHEREAS, The proposal has support from the surrounding
22 community, including the San Pedro area neighborhood councils,
23 San Pedro businesses, the City of Los Angeles, and the Port of
24 Los Angeles; and

25 WHEREAS, The application submitted by the Pacific Battleship
26 Center to bring the USS Iowa to the Port of Los Angeles has
27 received the support of the past four governors of the State of Iowa;
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
30 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature respectfully memorializes
31 the United States Navy to approve the application submitted by
32 the Pacific Battleship Center to house the USS Iowa at the Port of
33 Los Angeles; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the Secretary of the Navy.

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