Introduced by Senator Wyland

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to Gerald Ford Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, as introduced, Wyland. Gerald Ford Day.

This measure would recognize April 5 of each year as Gerald Ford Day, to honor the 38th President of the United States during the anniversary of Operation Babylift, which he authorized to evacuate orphans from South Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War.

Fiscal committee: no.

1   WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford served as the 38th
2   President of the United States and was a United States Navy World
3   War II Veteran and Veterans of Foreign Wars Life Member; and
4   WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford, in a profound
5   humanitarian act, authorized a $2,000,000 fund and announced
6   that the United States government would begin evacuating
7   otherwise slaughtered Asian American orphans from Saigon on a
8   series of 30 planned flights, resulting in more than 2,700 children
9   adopted in the United States; and
10   WHEREAS, Operation Babylift was the name given to the mass
11   evacuation on April 3 through April 26, 1975, of orphans from
12   South Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War; and
13   WHEREAS, On April 5, 1975, President Ford went the extra
14   mile by flying from the Palm Springs Airport to the San Francisco
15   International Airport to welcome the babies. One of the babies he
16   carried off the evacuation aircraft, Nikki Logan, grew up and joined

1 the United States Marines to give back and to serve her country;
2 and
3   WHEREAS, Operation Babylift was one of the greatest
4 humanitarian acts of the 20th century with a positive impact on
5 some 4,000 babies' lives worldwide; now, therefore, be it
6   *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes April 5 of each
8 year as Gerald Ford Day, in honor of his heroic stand to bring our
9 children home; and be it further
10   *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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