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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 15

**Introduced by Senator Glazer
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hall)**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Confederate States of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 15, as amended, Glazer. Confederate States of America.

This bill would urge the Congress and the President of the United States to rename any federal buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned property that bear the names of ~~those associated with~~ *elected or military leaders of* the Confederate States of America.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Confederate States of America and its
2 secessionist movement were rooted in the defense of slavery; and

3 WHEREAS, Using the names of ~~those associated with~~ *elected*
4 *or military leaders of* the Confederate States of America for federal
5 buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned property only
6 deepens the pain of those living under the legacy of slavery; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States of America continues to struggle
8 with racial equality and tolerance; and

9 WHEREAS, The continued use of names ~~associated with~~ *of*
10 *elected or military leaders of* the Confederacy in public places is
11 offensive to Americans who treasure the United States as one
12 nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; and

1 WHEREAS, The horrific shooting deaths of nine African
2 Americans attending church in South Carolina have once again
3 raised the searing issue of racial violence and intolerance; and

4 WHEREAS, The ensuing images of the killer wrapping himself
5 in the Confederate flag points to the continued use of that emblem
6 of cruel oppression as a way to further demean, offend, and wound
7 whole segments of our society; and

8 WHEREAS, The use of ~~Confederate-associated~~ *Confederate*
9 *leaders'* names in public schools, buildings, parks, roadways, or
10 other federally owned property in California only serves to further
11 the discriminatory agenda of current sympathizers of the ideology
12 of the Confederate States of America, and is antithetical to
13 California's mission of racial equality and tolerance; now;
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
16 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature respectfully urges the
17 Congress and the President of the United States to rename any
18 federal buildings, parks, roadways, or other federally owned
19 property that bear the names of ~~those associated with~~ *elected or*
20 *military leaders of* the Confederate States of America; and be it
21 further

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