

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 1

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5—Relative to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 5, W. Murray. Long Beach Naval Shipyard: closure.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the continued operation of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

WHEREAS, The state has endured billions of dollars in losses through a disproportionate share of federal Department of Defense facilities closures as mandated by the federally appointed Base Closure and Realignment Commissions in 1988, 1991 and 1993; and

WHEREAS, It has been documented that this state has suffered more than its share of economic devastation during the current worldwide economic recession, and is the last of the states to show signs of positive recovery; and

WHEREAS, The state has sustained disasters, both natural and manmade, in recent years from earthquakes in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, fires in northern and southern California, and from riots in the greater Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, Southern California, through its particular world preeminence in the technologies of earth and space travel, military defense systems, and interglobal communications has been the free world's guarantor of peace through strength of leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Long Beach Naval Shipyard is being considered for closure as part of the military base closure and realignment process; and

WHEREAS, Built in 1943, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is the Navy's primary surface ship repair facility on the west coast in addition to having the highest aircraft carrier usage of any public shipyard; and

WHEREAS, The Long Beach Naval Shipyard is a large, full service facility that includes 347 acres, four industrial piers, two wharves, and three drydocks; and

WHEREAS, The Long Beach Naval Shipyard represents approximately \$757,000,000 in total local spending and 10,100 jobs in the southern California region so that closing the shipyard would have a devastating impact on that area of the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the continued operation of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard as an essential facility and as an integral part of the southern California economy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

