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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 131

**Introduced by Assembly Members Nazarian, Achadjian, and
Muratsuchi**
**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez, Eggman, Gorell,
Grove, Melendez, and Quirk-Silva)**
(Principal coauthors: Senators Hill and Knight)

April 2, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 131—Relative to the Armed Forces.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 131, as introduced, Nazarian. Armed Forces Day.

This measure would honor and recognize the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 17, 2014.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 in
2 connection with the consolidation of the military services in the
3 United States Department of Defense; and
4 WHEREAS, The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor the
5 men and women who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
6 Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and
7 Reserve components; and
8 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third
9 Saturday in May, which this year is May 17, 2014; and
10 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces have performed
11 tremendous service on behalf of the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces have been killed
2 and injured in operations to bring peace and stability in the name
3 of democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, All Americans appreciate the sacrifices of those
5 who bravely serve our country, and acknowledge those businesses
6 and employers that accommodate those service people who are
7 called abroad to defend their nation; and

8 WHEREAS, All Americans express their recognition and
9 gratitude for members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, on the occasion of Armed
13 Forces Day 2014;

14 (1) Honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice that members
15 of the Armed Forces and their families gave, and continue to give,
16 to the United States;

17 (2) Remains committed to supporting the members of the Armed
18 Forces and their families;

19 (3) Encourages Americans to show their support and
20 appreciation for members of the Armed Forces on Armed Forces
21 Day;

22 (4) Commends the actions of private citizens and organizations
23 who volunteer to support America's wounded warriors; and

24 (5) Expresses the gratitude of the American people to the
25 members of the Armed Forces for their service on behalf of the
26 United States; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

ACR 131 (Nazarian, et al.) – As Amended: April 2, 2014

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Day.

SUMMARY: Honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 17, 2014. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 in connection with the consolidation of the military services in the United States Department of Defense to honor the men and women who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserves.
- 2) Members of the Armed Forces have performed tremendous service on behalf of the United States; and, some have been injured and killed in operations to bring peace and stability in the name of democracy.
- 3) All Americans appreciate the sacrifices of those who bravely serve our country, and acknowledge those businesses and employers that accommodate those service people who are called abroad to defend their nation.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Ting

April 21, 2014

House Resolution No. 39—Relative to compost awareness week.

1 WHEREAS, Materials, such as yard trimmings, vegetable
2 cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, have
3 all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known
4 as compost; and

5 WHEREAS, Compost is an important soil amendment and is
6 critical to the state's valuable agricultural industry; and

7 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources to the soil decreases
8 dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, decreases
9 erosion, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and nonpoint source
10 pollution, conserves water, and creates drought-resistant crops;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction,
13 reuse, and recycling; and since compostable organic materials
14 make up approximately 42 percent of the material going to
15 landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods
16 used by communities to reach waste diversion goals; and

17 WHEREAS, Anaerobic digestion is a form of organics
18 management that prepares materials for composting, while
19 capturing methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and uses it to generate
20 electricity and heat or processes it into a ultra-low carbon
21 transportation fuel; and

22 WHEREAS, Composting California's food waste could cut
23 landfill methane emissions by up to 3 million tons of carbon
24 dioxide per year, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an

1 additional 3.3 million tons, through the use of finished compost
2 in agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,
4 highway departments, soil conservation services and extension
5 offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact
6 on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using
7 compost for public works projects; and

8 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure
9 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Resources Recycling and
11 Recovery has estimated that recovering a significant portion of
12 our organic waste stream could create 14,000 new jobs in the state
13 by 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, the composting councils of the United States,
15 Canada, and the United Kingdom have all declared the first full
16 week of May as the annual International Compost Awareness
17 Week; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
19 week of May 5 to 11, 2014, is hereby designated as Compost
20 Awareness Week; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

HR 39 (Ting) – As Introduced: April 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Compost Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 5 to May 11, 2014, as Compost Awareness Week. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Compost is an important soil amendment and is critical to the state's valuable agricultural industry; and, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling: and since compostable organic materials make up approximately 42 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods used by communities to reach waste diversion goals.
- 2) Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation services and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have a significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects.
- 3) Composting California's food waste could cut landfill methane emissions by up to 3 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an additional 3.3 million tons, through the use of finished compost in agriculture.
- 4) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery estimates that recovering a significant portion of our organic waste stream could create 14,000 new jobs in the state by 2020.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Association of Compost Producers (ACP)

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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May 2, 2014

Assemblymember Richard Gordon
Assembly Rules Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support

RE: HR 39 (Ting) Relative to compost awareness week (As Introduced 4/21/14)

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

The Association of Compost Producers (ACP) is a non-profit association of public and private organizations dedicated to increasing the quality, value and amount of compost being used in California. We do this by promoting activities and regulations that build healthy soil, benefiting people and the environment. ACP is also the State Chapter of the U.S. Composting Council, www.compostingcouncil.org. The USCC is the only national organization committed to the advancement of the composting industry. ACP members, leaders in the California compost industry, work and invest together to increase compost markets and improve compost product and manufacturing standards. The association provides education and communication on compost benefits and proper use through support of scientific research and legislation aligned with developing and expanding quality compost markets.

The Association of Compost Producers (ACP) is pleased to support House Resolution 39 which designates the week of May 5-11, 2014 as **Compost Awareness Week!**

Other environmental and social benefits of compost include building healthy soil requiring less fertilizer and pesticide use, companion technology to biogas production to produce ultra-low carbon transportation fuels, reduction of greenhouse gases, and improvement of local surface water and ground water.

We thank you for introducing HR 39, thereby underscoring the many environmental, economic and social benefits that compost will deliver to the state as outlined in this important resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or lynch@lynchlobby.com.

Very truly yours,

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ISSUE:

Appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer.

BACKGROUND:

Standing House Rule 14(d) states that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules shall appoint a Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly, subject to the ratification of the Committee on Rules, who shall have duties relating to the administrative, fiscal and business affairs of the Assembly that the committee shall prescribe.

The Chair of Rules would now recommend the appointment of Debra Gravert as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the remainder of the 2013-14 Legislative Session be ratified by the Committee on Rules.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the appointment of Debra Gravert as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the remainder of the 2013-14 Legislative Session.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 28, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 32

Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto

***(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Bocanegra, Brown,
Ian Calderon, Dababneh, Nestande, Olsen, and Patterson)***

January 6, 2014

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 32—Relative to the
Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 32, as amended, Gatto. The Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

This measure would encourage and support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic’s continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation, and urge the President and Congress of the United States to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with the international community’s efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in that strategically important region.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has
2 historically been Armenian territory, populated by an
3 overwhelming majority of Armenians, and yet was illegally severed
4 from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed under the
5 newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and

6 WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the
7 national liberation movement in Nagorno-Karabakh, which inspired
8 people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyranny

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1 for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to
2 millions and contributing to world peace; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has repeatedly
4 expressed support for the legitimate aspirations for freedom of the
5 people of Nagorno-Karabakh, and on September 2, 1991, in
6 accordance with its enacted law, the legislature of
7 Nagorno-Karabakh declared formation of the Nagorno-Karabakh
8 Republic; and

9 WHEREAS, On December 10, 1991, the people of the
10 Nagorno-Karabakh Republic voted in favor of independence, and
11 on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the
12 republic formally declared independence; and

13 WHEREAS, Since proclaiming independence, the
14 Nagorno-Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress
15 in democracy building, which was most recently demonstrated
16 during the July 19, 2012, presidential elections that were assessed
17 by ~~the~~ international observers as free and transparent; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
20 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of California hereby
21 encourages and supports the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's
22 continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation in
23 order to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and
24 independent society; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the California State Legislature urges the
26 President and Congress of the United States to support the
27 self-determination and democratic independence of the
28 Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with
29 the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting
30 solution to security issues in that strategically important region;
31 and be it further

32 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the
34 Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of
35 Representatives, to each member of the California delegation to
36 the Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of State of
37 California.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2014

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard S. Gordon, Chair

AJR 32 (Gatto) – As Amended: April 28, 2014

SUBJECT: The Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

SUMMARY: Encourages and supports the Nagorno-Karabakh regions continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation, and urges the President and Congress of the United States to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in that strategically important region. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has historically been Armenian territory, populated by an overwhelming majority of Armenians, and yet was illegally severed from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed under the newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration.
- 2) February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the national liberation movement in Nagorno-Karabakh, which inspired people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyranny for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to millions and contributing to world peace.
- 3) The United States Congress has repeatedly expressed support for the legitimate aspirations for freedom of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, and on September 2, 1991, in accordance with its enacted law, the legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh declared formation of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.
- 4) On December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic voted in favor of independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the republic formally declared independence.

- 5) Since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress in democracy building, which was most recently demonstrated during the July 19, 2012, presidential elections that were assessed by international observers as free and transparent.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

COMMENTS:

- 1) Background: The Nagorno-Karabakh region is located in the South Caucasus within Azerbaijan and is governed by the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, a *de facto* independent state that has controlled the region since a Russian brokered truce and ceasefire in 1994. Since then, both sides have had soldiers killed in sporadic breaches of the ceasefire. The Government of Azerbaijan resents the loss of land they regard as rightfully theirs while the ethnically Armenian majority-population of the Nagorno-Karabakh region show no sign of willingness to give it back. Despite efforts by the international community to resolve the dispute, a precarious stalemate persists. AJR 32 would support and urge the President and Congress to support Nagorno-Karabakh's efforts to develop an independent nation.

- 2) Arguments in Support: The Armenian Council of America argues:

"The Republic of Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh) is an integral part of historic Armenia that was arbitrarily carved out in 1921 by Joseph Stalin and placed under Soviet Azerbaijani administration, but with autonomous status, as part of the Soviet divide-and-conquer strategy in the Caucasus. Nagorno Karabakh has never been part of an independent Azerbaijani state. Declassified Central Intelligence Agency reports confirm that Nagorno Karabakh is historically Armenian and maintained even more autonomy than the rest of Armenia through the centuries. To force Christian Armenians to be ruled by Muslim Azerbaijan would be to sanction Joseph Stalin's policies and ensure continued instability in the region."

- 3) Arguments in Opposition: Constituents in opposition argue:

"Historically governed by the Azerbaijani rulers, the Karabakh region was conquered by the Russian Empire in the 19th century. After declaration of the independent Republic of Azerbaijan on May 28, 1918, the region became a part of the Azerbaijan Republic. In 1921, after the Bolshevik occupation of Azerbaijan, the Soviet authorities decided that the region should remain part of the Azerbaijan Soviet Republic. Ignoring the United Nations Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874,

884 from 1993, Armenia has not withdrawn its troops from the occupied territories till now. Today neither United States nor any other members of the United Nation recognizes Nagorno-Karabakh as an independent country."

- 4) Policy Questions: This resolution raises a fundamental policy question regarding the role of the California Legislature in foreign disputes. Should the Rules Committee and the Legislature act on such measures when a nexus to the California economy or political affairs is not clear?

Furthermore, this committee may want to consider whether the Rules Committee and the Legislature have the resources to analyze and make such findings.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Armenian Council of America

Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region

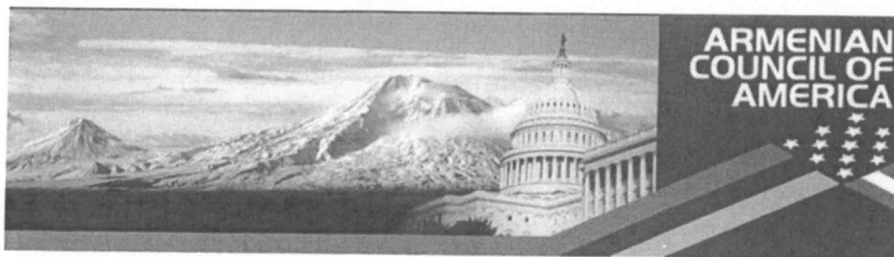
Over 200 individual letters from constituents

Opposition

Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California

Over 50 individual letters from constituents

Analysis Prepared by: Mukhtar Ali / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



April 28, 2014

Assemblymember Richard Gordon,
Chair of the Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

Assembly Joint Resolution 32
Relative to the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic

The Armenian Council of America and the Armenian American community in California, respectfully request your support and co-authorship of Assembly Joint Resolution 32 (AJR 32).

AJR 32 would encourage and support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free, democratic and independent nation, urging the President and Congress of the United States to support the self-determination, democratic development and independence of the Nagorno-Karabagh Republic and a peaceful solution to security issues in that strategically important region.

The Armenians of California have always been proud of their State's record reinforcing the principles of democracy and the right to self-determination. The community recognizes your strong stance on Armenian-American issues and appreciates your support in this vital matter.

Thanking you again for your position on this issue and other issues of concern for the Armenian American community. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Sevak Khatchadorian via email at Sevak.Khatchadorian@ArmenianCouncil.org or directly at (818) 355-5505.

Sincerely,
 Sevak Khatchadorian
Chairman

cc: Assemblymember Scott Wilk, Vice Chair of the Rules Committee
Each Member of the Assembly Rules Committee
Assemblymember Mike Gatto

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Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region

April 28, 2014

The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Chairman Gordon:

I write to urge you to support AJR 32 (Assembly Member Gatto), which would encourage and support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation, and urge the President and Congress of the United States to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

Four states—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and Louisiana—have already passed similar resolutions over the past two years. Given that California is home to the largest number of Armenian refugees from Artsakh (a.k.a. Nagorno-Karabakh Republic) and surrounding regions, it is imperative that our state not fall behind in this effort to support the spirit of the Artsakh's Armenian population, who were instrumental in the break-up of the Soviet Union. All Armenian-Americans living in California, and those from or near Artsakh in particular, are affected by the status of the republic.

In 1923, in an effort to divide and conquer nationalities within the newly formed Soviet Union, and with the objective of placating neighboring Turkey, Joseph Stalin chose to place Artsakh under the authority of Azerbaijan, despite the fact that 94% of the population was ethnic Christian Armenians. In the face of decades of oppression, the resolve of Artsakh's Armenian citizens had not waned, and in 1988, they passed a resolution demanding reunification with Armenia. This act of defiance against the totalitarianism of Soviet rule may very well have been the tipping point in the dismantling of the Soviet Union.

Adoption of AJR 32 would be a proper way to validate the spirit of self-determination within the Armenian people, a spirit which led to freedom for all people who had been subjugated for 70 years by the Soviet Union, a spirit which was at the core of the birth of our nation in 1776. As representatives of the people, our state legislature should embrace the acts of courage by thousands of Californians who risked their lives for the sake of freedom by supporting Assemblyman Gatto's resolution.



Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region

We are confident that you will continue to stand on the side of truth and justice as you have done so strongly in the past. Should you need additional information on this subject matter or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 818.500.1918.

Once again, we urge you to support AJR 32, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nora Hovsepian

Chairperson

Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region

cc: Members of the Assembly Rules Committee

April 23, 2014

From: Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California

To:
Chair of the Committee, Assemblymember Richard Gordon
Rules Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3016,
Sacramento, CA 94249

**In Opposition to the Assembly Joint Resolution 32
by Assemblyman Mike Gatto**

Dear Assemblymember Richard Gordon:

On behalf of the Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California, representing the Azerbaijani community in California, we are deeply concerned about the Assembly Joint Resolution 32 by Mr Gatto.

We, as a community would like to bring your attention that the so-called Nagorno-Karabakh Republic is not recognized as an independent nation by any country in the world, not even by Armenia. The US Government recognizes Nagorno-Karabakh as part of Azerbaijan.

The resolution disregards many facts about the illegal occupation of Azerbaijan's territories by Armenia, ethnic cleansing and atrocities against the Azerbaijani population by Armenian armed forces etc. But I would like to draw your attention to the fact that before the conflict erupted and the region was occupied, around 1/3 of Nagorno-Karabakh's population were Azerbaijanis, living primarily in the town of Shusha, a historic and cultural center of the Karabakh region, which was occupied by the Armenian armed forces in 1992. The capture and destruction of this predominantly Azerbaijani town symbolized Armenia's brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing against the indigenous Azerbaijani heritage and population in the Karabakh region.

Established in the 18th century as a capital of the Karabakh khanate, Shusha had been a cradle of Azerbaijani culture, literature and music throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In 1870s, Azerbaijani musical master Sadigjan developed the first Caucasus tar (lute) in this city. Shusha was also the home of the patriarch of Azerbaijani classical music, Uzeyir Hajibeyov, who composed the Islamic world's first opera and operetta.

In the course of Shusha's occupation, 480 Azerbaijani civilians were killed, over 600 people were wounded, and 40,000 residents became refugees inside their own country. Additionally, 68 residents, including women and children, were taken hostage. 6800 households, 44 schools, 279 landmarks, including several mosques and museum-houses, were subjected to destruction. Today, Shusha, once a major cultural center, remains a ghost town obliterated by the Armenian occupation.

Given all these and other points mentioned, the Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California would like to call upon the members of the Rules Committee to reject the AJR 32, which only serves to cause ethnic hatred and animosity between the Armenian and Azerbaijani communities of our great State of California.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Azari', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Hameed Ahmadi-Azari
President
Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES

ISSUE:

Appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Joint Committee on Rules for the remainder of the 2013-14 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

The Temporary Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly require under Joint Rule 40 that the committee has enumerated duties. One of the duties is to appoint a chief administrative officer of the committee, who shall have such duties relating to the administrative, fiscal and business affairs of the committee as the committee shall prescribe.

The Joint Committee on Rules Chief Administrative Officer has traditionally been the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly following the precedence of the Joint Rules Chair being from the Assembly. Debra Gravert is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the appointment of Debra Gravert as Chief Administrative Officer of the Joint Committee on Rules for the remainder of the 2013-14 Legislative Session.