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**AJR-6 United States Postal Service.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6**

**CHAPTER 150**

Relative to the United States Postal Service.

[ Filed with Secretary of State September 12, 2017. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AJR 6, Gloria. United States Postal Service.

This measure would urge the United States Congress to require the United States Postal Service to restore past service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012, oppose certain postal reform legislation, require the United States Postal Service to continue the mandate for 6-day delivery service, require the continued operation of all mail sorting centers in California, and support specific federal legislation. The measure would also urge the Secretary of State to continue working with the United States Postal Service to implement additional programs that would increase absentee ballot voting participation.

Fiscal Committee: yes

WHEREAS, Delayed mail negatively impacts businesses, hurts residents, communities, and the economy, and drives customers away, resulting in lower revenue and damaging the financial situation of the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Robust service standards implemented by the United States Postal Service are essential to providing prompt and timely delivery of all mail, including online purchases, local newspapers, newsletters, bill payments, and letters; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service, which requires no taxpayer appropriations, remains a vital component of this country's economic and communications infrastructure and delivered more than 150 billion pieces of mail in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 40 million residential and business customers throughout the country receive packages, letters, medications, supplies, and more through door delivery service, where a letter carrier delivers the item straight to a customer's door. This is part of a unique universal delivery network that is attractive to businesses; and

WHEREAS, Any movement to discontinue mail sorting centers, reduce door delivery service, and discontinue the mandate for six-day mail delivery service would seriously affect the 700,000 workers employed by the United States Postal Service, over 22 percent of whom are United States military veterans, many with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the United States Congress to require the United States Postal Service to restore past service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012, and oppose any postal reform legislation that does not continue the door delivery service as it currently exists for both business and residential customers, and further urges the United States Congress to require the United States Postal Service to continue the mandate for six-day delivery service and require the continued operation of all mail sorting centers in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the 115th United States Congress to support House Resolution 15, House Resolution 28, and House Resolution 31, which address the above issues now being discussed in Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Secretary of State to continue working with the United States Postal Service to implement additional programs that would increase absentee ballot voting participation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the United States Postmaster General, and to the author for appropriate distribution.