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HR-15 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 15

Introduced by Assembly Members Gomez and Levine

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Relative to United States immigration policy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 15, as introduced, Gomez.

WHEREAS, President Trump cites that the visa-issuance process was at fault because it admitted 19 foreign nationals into the country which led to the September 11, 2001, attacks, yet his order does not include those countries of origin in his executive order titled "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States" dated January 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965 bans discrimination of immigration on the basis of national origin; and

WHEREAS, The executive order is purely a political act and is not based on national security; and

WHEREAS, The executive order discriminates against people who have permanent resident cards and have followed the legal process to be in the country; and

WHEREAS, The executive order discriminates on the basis of religion and tears apart the very basic principles that created this great nation by avoiding religious persecution. The executive order favors religious minorities from those countries who are trying to escape violence instead of Muslims; and

WHEREAS, The executive order sets a negative precedent that our country is no longer a beacon of hope by turning away those who seek to come to America for a better life; and

WHEREAS, Over 11 million Syrians are displaced from their homes in that war-torn country, and of the Syrian refugees admitted into the United States, none have committed an act of terror since entering the country; and

WHEREAS, Allies that had helped United States military personnel in Iraq were granted special visas to immigrate to the United States but their lives are at risk now that their entry is to be denied; and

WHEREAS, The executive order further pushes an agenda that is attempting to create divisiveness in our country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the California State Assembly rejects all of the provisions contained in the executive order, titled "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States," signed on January 27, 2017, that limit travel and immigration and discontinues the Syrian Refugee program; and be it further

Resolved, That the California State Assembly urges President Trump to immediately rescind this executive order; and be it further

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

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.