

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 52

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman GILL

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Postal Service to
2 provide adequate security at postal facilities.

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4 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1995, four people were killed and another person
5 was seriously wounded in a Montclair postal facility in a suspected robbery
6 attempt; and

7 WHEREAS, The incident in the Montclair post office substation was the latest
8 in a number of violent incidents at postal facilities in recent years; and

9 WHEREAS, At least one other violent incident occurred in New Jersey when,
10 on October 10, 1991, a fired postal worker killed two mail handlers in a
11 Ridgewood postal facility after killing his former supervisor and her
12 companion; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationwide at least a dozen postal workers have been killed in
14 shooting incidents in the past decade, including the shooting of fourteen
15 persons on August 14, 1986 at a post office in Edmond, Oklahoma, by a
16 postal worker who was about to be fired; and

17 WHEREAS, In light of these continuing episodes of violence which target postal
18 facilities and postal workers, resulting in injury and the loss of life for
19 employees as well as members of the public, security measures to prevent
20 such occurrences and to facilitate the apprehension of persons who commit
21 these acts should be required; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is charged with overseeing
23 operations at United States postal facilities and ensuring the safety of postal
24 employees and members of the public; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
27 (the Senate concurring):

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29 1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey urges the United States
30 Postal Service to take appropriate measures to increase security at United
31 States postal facilities as a step toward preventing the occurrence of violent
32 incidents including shootings and other criminal acts at such facilities.

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1 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
2 the General Assembly and the President of the Senate and attested by the
3 Clerk of the General Assembly and Secretary of the Senate, shall be
4 transmitted to the Postmaster General of the United States and to each of the
5 members of Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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10 This Assembly Concurrent Resolution would urge the United States Postal
11 Service to take appropriate measures to provide increased security at United
12 States postal facilities in light of continuing violent incidents resulting in injury
13 and the loss of life.

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Urges U.S. Postal Service to provide increased security at postal facilities.