

Senate Resolution 459

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A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that all persons testifying before the Senate tell the truth; providing for bans on
2 persons found to have lied to the Senate from providing future testimony to the Senate; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, hearing testimony from members of the public is a critical part of the legislative
5 process; and

6 WHEREAS, it is vital for the Senate to insure the truthfulness of testimony presented to this
7 body; and

8 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly already take oaths upon assuming office
9 and are subject to the rules of the respective chambers; and

10 WHEREAS, if the Senate determines that a person has lied in testimony before this body,
11 appropriate punishment is necessary to insure public trust in the legislative process.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that all nonmembers of the
13 General Assembly are most strongly requested to be truthful and honest in all testimony
14 presented to this body and all of its committees.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this body determines that a nonmember of the General
16 Assembly has lied in testimony presented to the Senate, or one of its committees, such person
17 shall be subject to contempt and will be prohibited from presenting further testimony to this
18 body for the remainder of the session in which the untruthful testimony occurred.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Senate determines that a nonmember of the
20 General Assembly has lied in testimony presented to the Senate, or one of its committees,
21 a subsequent time, after having already been punished once by this body for lying, such

22 person shall be subject to contempt and this body urges its successors to uphold a lifetime
23 ban on such person presenting further testimony to the Senate.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at all times the Senate reserves the right to refer any
25 matter of lying to the Senate, or one of its committees, to the appropriate authority for lawful
26 prosecution.