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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States and the Federal
2 Government to take every necessary step to secure the release
3 of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican
4 custody.

5 WHEREAS, On March 31, 2014, United States Marine Sgt. Andrew
6 Tahmooressi was arrested by Mexican authorities after mistakenly
7 crossing into Mexican territory; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to his arrest, Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi moved
9 to San Diego, California, in order to receive treatment from the
10 United States Veterans Affairs Medical Center - San Diego in La
11 Jolla, California; and

12 WHEREAS, While driving on March 31, Sgt. Tahmooressi placed
13 an emergency call to 911 after realizing he had mistakenly
14 crossed the border into Mexico after taking a wrong turn; and

15 WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi informed the 911 dispatcher that he
16 had three legally registered guns in his possession because he
17 kept everything he owned in his Ford F-150 truck; and

1 WHEREAS, He spent the first few days of his detention in La
2 Mesa prison, where he was repeatedly threatened by prison gang
3 members; and

4 WHEREAS, He was moved to a Federal prison in El Hongo, where
5 he was separated from other prisoners in a private cell; and

6 WHEREAS, He has spent nearly 90 days in prison waiting for a
7 hearing, which can take an additional 180 days to be
8 adjudicated; and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi faces up to 10 years in prison if
10 he is convicted of possessing weapons and ammunition; and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi is a United States Marine reservist
12 who served two combat tours in Afghanistan, for which he was
13 awarded a meritorious promotion; and

14 WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi suffered a severe concussion after
15 an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated and upended his
16 vehicle; and

17 WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi has been diagnosed with post-
18 traumatic stress disorder; and

19 WHEREAS, Several attempts have been, and continue to be, made
20 to convince the Mexican authorities to release Sgt. Andrew
21 Tahmooressi; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its profound desire that
24 the United States do everything possible to ensure that Sgt.
25 Tahmooressi is given immediate access to the proper health care
26 he deserves as a combat veteran; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
28 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly urge the President of the
29 United States to take every necessary step to secure Sgt.
30 Tahmooressi's release from Mexican custody; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the President of the United States.