H.C.R. NO. 50 H.D. 1

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND MEXICAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO DISMISS PENDING CHARGES AND WITHDRAW THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION REGARDING FUGITIVE SPECIALISTS DUANE "DOG" CHAPMAN, LELAND CHAPMAN, AND TIM CHAPMAN.

WHEREAS, justice is a determinant of the sovereign political systems of all nations, and international disputes arise when two jurisdictions conflict or fail to agree upon the best course of action; and

WHEREAS, a present jurisdictional dispute exists between the United States and Mexico surrounding the action of Duane "Dog" Chapman, who, in June 2003, traveled to Mexico to apprehend a convicted American rapist, Andrew Luster, the Max Factor heir; and

WHEREAS, Luster was a convicted rapist who fled from California six months earlier while he was free on a \$1,000,000 bond on charges that he drugged and raped three women; and

WHEREAS, Luster's disappearance sparked an international manhunt by police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and bounty hunters trying to recoup some of the bond money; and

WHEREAS, Mexico has requested extradition of Duane "Dog" Chapman after charging him with felony kidnapping and "deprivation of liberty" for the capture and return of Luster to the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman was arrested in his Hawaii home in September 2006, by U.S. Marshals and was freed on \$300,000 ball, and has been fighting extradition to Mexico where, if convicted, Duane "Dog" Chapman, his son Leland Chapman, and Tim Chapman, all of whom were involved in the

capture of Luster, could be required to spend up to four years in a Mexican jail; and

WHEREAS, Luster is now serving a 124-year sentence in California; and

WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman has never been compensated for Luster's capture and has offered to apologize to the Mexican government; and

WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman believed he could legally arrest Luster based on the fact that Luster had entered Mexico under a false name; now, therefore,

 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes the plight of Duane "Dog" Chapman and requests that the President of Mexico and the Mexican judicial authorities dismiss pending charges and withdraw the request for extradition and allow this international dispute to be amicably solved by virtue of the justice that has been served in the U.S. against rapist Luster by the brave actions of Duane "Dog" Chapman, Leland Chapman, and Tim Chapman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of Mexico, Chief Justice of the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, President of the United States, U.S. Secretary of State, Organization of American States, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.