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HOUSE 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 1 political systems of all nations, and international disputes 2 arise when two jurisdictions conflict or fail to agree upon the 3 best course of action; and 4 5 WHEREAS, a present jurisdictional dispute exists between 6 the United States and Mexico surrounding the action of Duane 7 "Dog" Chapman, who, in June 2003, traveled to Mexico to 8 apprehend a convicted American rapist, Andrew Luster, the Max 9 10 Factor heir; and 11 WHEREAS, Luster was a convicted rapist who fled from 12 California six months earlier while he was free on a \$1,000,000 13 bond on charges that he drugged and raped three women; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Luster's disappearance sparked an international 16 manhunt by police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and 17 bounty hunters trying to recoup some of the bond money; and 18 19 WHEREAS, Mexico has requested extradition of Duane "Dog" 20 Chapman after charging him with felony kidnapping and 21 "deprivation of liberty" for the capture and return of Luster to 22 the United States (U.S.); and 23 24 WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman was arrested in his Hawaii 25 home in September 2006, by U.S. Marshals and was freed on 26 \$300,000 bail, and has been fighting extradition to Mexico 27 where, if convicted, Duane "Dog" Chapman, his son Leland 28 29 Chapman, and Tim Chapman, all of whom were involved in the capture of Luster, could be required to spend up to four years 30 in a Mexican jail; and 31



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WHEREAS, Luster is now serving a 124-year sentence in 1 California; and 2 3 WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman has never been compensated for 4 Luster's capture and has offered to apologize to the Mexican 5 government; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Duane "Dog" Chapman believed he could legally 8 arrest Luster based on the fact that Luster had entered Mexico 9 under a false name; now, therefore, 10 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 12 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 13 Session of 2007, that the Legislature recognizes the plight of 14 Duane "Dog" Chapman and requests that the President of Mexico 15 and the Mexican judicial authorities dismiss pending charges and 16 17 withdraw the request for extradition and allow this international dispute to be amicably solved by virtue of the 18 justice that has been served in the U.S. against rapist Luster 19 by the brave actions of Duane "Dog" Chapman, Leland Chapman, and 20 Tim Chapman; and 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 23 Resolution be transmitted to the President of Mexico, Chief 24 25 Justice of the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, President of the United States, U.S. Secretary of State, 26 Organization of American States, and each member of Hawaii's 27

28 Congressional Delegation.

