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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT
OF GUADALAJARA TO DROP EXTRADITION CHARGES AGAINST TV
BOUNTY HUNTER, DUANE "DOG" 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 had fled from
California six months earlier by jumping \$1 million bond on
charges that he drugged and raped three women; and

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

WHEREAS, Mexico has requested extradition of Chapman after
charging him with felony kidnapping, and "deprivation of
liberty" for the capture and return of Luster to the United
States; and

WHEREAS, Chapman was arrested in his Hawaii home in
September, 2006 by U.S. Marshals and was freed on \$300,000 bail,
and has been fighting extradition to Mexico, where if convicted
he and his son Leland and Tim Chapman (all of whom were involved
in the capture of Lester) could be required to spend up to 4
years in a Mexican jail; and



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

WHEREAS, Duane Chapman has never been paid for Luster's capture, and has offered to apologize to the Mexican government, and

WHEREAS, 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the House of Representatives concurring, that the legislature of the state of Hawaii in full support of the plight of Duane "Dog" Chapman requests that the President and Congress of Mexico and the Second District Court of Guadalajara drop charges of extradition and allow this international dispute to be amicably solved by virtue of the justice that has been served in the United States against rapist Luster by the brave actions of Hawaii resident, Duane "Dog" Chapman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Organization of American States, the President of Mexico, the Second District Court in Guadalajara, Mexico, President George W. Bush, U.S. Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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