

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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A RESOLUTION urging President George W. Bush to pardon Border Control agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

WHEREAS, the conviction and sentencing of United States Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean for the pursuit and shooting of drug smuggler Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila, which is the subject of a Federal criminal case in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, represents an extreme injustice; and

WHEREAS, the charges brought against Agents Ramos and Compean are unprecedented and ill-conceived; and

WHEREAS, the Government's case is almost solely reliant on the testimony of Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila, a drug smuggler committed to harming America's youth by increasing the availability of illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice prioritized finding Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila, a Mexican citizen; the smuggler was given full immunity from his actions to testify against the agents and complete medical care at William Beaufort Army Medical Center in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice opposed allowing Agent Ramos, an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve and a former nominee for Border Patrol Agent of the Year, and Agent Compean to remain free on bail while the appeals process moves forward; and

WHEREAS, Agents Ramos and Compean have reported to Federal prison; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby urge President George W. Bush to swiftly and unconditionally pardon Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to President George W. Bush.

ADOPTED: May 2, 2007



RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
SENATE OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADPPROVED: May 15, 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR