Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1069

By: Bennett, Armes, Banz, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood and Wright

A Resolution recognizing the imprisonment of Andrew Tahmooressi due to a mistaken turn crossing over the U.S.-Mexico border; urging the United States Department of State and the United States Department of Defense to guarantee Andrew's safety and release; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Andrew Tahmooressi, a twenty-five year old U.S. citizen and Marine Corps veteran who served three combat tours in Afghanistan, has been incarcerated in the La Mesa Penitentiary in Tijuana, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, while moving to California from Florida, Andrew mistakenly crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with all his belongings, including legal firearms in his possession, and was subsequently arrested and charged for weapons trafficking; and

WHEREAS, due to road and checkpoint closures and redirected traffic, Andrew accidently took the final exit to the El Chaparral inspection area and this area is confusing and offers no opportunity for drivers to turn around ahead of the checkpoint; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is neither a criminal nor a weapons trafficker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the United States Department of State and the United States Department of Defense to utilize the full extent of their resources to guarantee Andrew's immediate safety and to expedite his release, allowing him to return to his family.

THAT the Oklahoma Secretary of State transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of State, and the United States Department of Defense.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 22nd day of May, 20 14, at 9:51 o'clock A. M.

By: _____