

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1069

By: Bennett

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

23                   WHEREAS, due to road and checkpoint closures and redirected  
24 traffic, Andrew accidently took the final exit to the El Chaparral

1 inspection area and this area is confusing and offers no opportunity  
2 for drivers to turnaround ahead of the checkpoint; and

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

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

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

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

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