

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1069

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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