



Republican National Committee

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING SERGEANT ANDREW TAHMOORESSI

WHEREAS, Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi was arrested April 1, 2014 immediately after unintentionally crossing the Mexican border with three of his personal guns and ammunition in his truck; and

WHEREAS, Although Sgt. Tahmooressi immediately told Mexican law enforcement officials he made a mistake entering and bringing firearms into Mexico and that he was trying to return to America, he was arrested and taken to a jail in Tecate, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi has reported that guards have repeatedly beaten him, stripped him and chained him to a bed, with his feet on one end and his hands on another; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and the conditions he is enduring in jail are inhumane and he is at risk for even more severe health issues; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress from both parties have been working with Mexican law enforcement authorities to secure Sgt. Tahmooressi's release but despite their efforts have not been successful; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has been involved in other notable prisoner releases, including Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, but has not yet intervened in the case of Marine veteran Sgt. Tahmooressi; and

WHEREAS, when confronted by media and interested parties about why the president has not intervened, all requests have been referred by presidential press secretary Josh Earnest to the US State Department; and

WHEREAS, the US State Department has raised concerns with Mexican authorities about Tahmooressi's treatment but has been unsuccessful in securing his release; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the members of The Republican National Committee call upon the President of the United States to resolve this humanitarian issue that has befallen a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps who loyally served his country in time of war during two tours of duty in

Afghanistan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President use all available means to arrange for the immediate release of Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi to his family and allow him to continue his therapy from the trauma of war related PTSD; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the Ambassador of Mexico.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on August 8, 2014.*