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2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARDON BORDER
12 PATROL AGENTS IGNACIO RAMOS AND JOSE ALONSO COMPEAN; REQUESTING
13 THE PRESIDENT TO ORDER AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROSECUTION OF
14 THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS AND THE ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 JUSTICE AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN
16 DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

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18 WHEREAS, border patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose
19 Alonso Compean were convicted of assault with a deadly weapon,
20 obstruction of justice and a civil rights violation when they
21 wounded Osbaldo Aldrete Davila, a Mexican national drug
22 smuggler committed to harming America's youth by bringing
23 illegal drugs into the United States, as he attempted to flee
24 across the border from near Fabens, Texas, into Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, the government's case relied on the testimony of

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1 Osbaldo Aldrete Davila, and the department of justice offered
2 Aldrete Davila immunity from his actions in return for his
3 testimony; and

4 WHEREAS, the prosecution and conviction of two border
5 patrol agents for protecting America's border against drug
6 smuggling shocks the conscience and harms the mission of the
7 border patrol; and

8 WHEREAS, there are dangerous drugs coming into the United
9 States, including methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin, that are
10 both addictive and dangerous, and most of those drugs are
11 smuggled in through Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the department of justice has also opposed
13 allowing agents Ramos and Compean to remain free on bail while
14 the appeals process moves forward; and

15 WHEREAS, the lives of these two agents and their families
16 are now ruined by this seemingly unexplainable action by the
17 federal government; and

18 WHEREAS, many Americans are outraged at the prosecution
19 and conviction of these two border patrol agents; and

20 WHEREAS, over two hundred twenty-five thousand people and
21 at least fifty members of congress have reportedly petitioned
22 President Bush to pardon the agents; and

23 WHEREAS, agents Ramos and Compean are now serving their
24 sentences in federal prison;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president of the United States be
2 requested to immediately and unconditionally pardon agents
3 Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Bush be requested to
5 order the United States attorney general to immediately
6 investigate the actions of the department of justice and the
7 United States attorney's office for the western district of
8 Texas as to why they chose to seek out Osbaldo Aldrete Davila
9 in Mexico to grant him immunity in order for them to prosecute
10 these two border patrol agents for protecting America's border;
11 and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States attorney
13 general report the findings of the investigation to the
14 American people; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the president of the United States and to the
17 New Mexico congressional delegation.