

RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PARDON OR COMMUTATION OF BORDER AGENTS  
JOSE COMPEAN AND IGNATIO RAMOS

WHEREAS the Republican State Committee of Maine has the authority and responsibility to cooperate with the Republican National Committee in promoting the principles and ideals of the Republican Party, including the principles of individual liberty and justice for all for and on behalf of the Members of the Republican Party of Maine; and

WHEREAS the imprisonment of Border Agents Compean and Ramos represents a miscarriage of justice; and

WHEREAS Agents Compean and Ramos were convicted almost solely on the word of a known illegal alien drug smuggler who claimed that Compean and Ramos shot him in the rear while he was attempting to escape; and

WHEREAS this smuggler was attempting to transport 743 pounds of marijuana into the United States at the time of the incident; and

WHEREAS In exchange for his testimony, the smuggler was granted immunity and allowed to come and go across the border almost at will and was actually caught attempting to transport more drugs into the United States while waiting to testify against Agents Compean and Ramos; and

WHEREAS the court would not allow this fact to be submitted during the trial; and

WHEREAS in what may be the greatest irony of this whole case, the smuggler was eventually convicted of the smuggling offenses that occurred after he was granted immunity and was sentenced to less time than Agents Compean and Ramos; and

WHEREAS among others, the President of the United States has already pardoned:

William Alvis III of Flushing, Ohio. Possession of an unregistered firearm and cocaine distribution.

Eric Charles Blanke of Parker, Colo. Counterfeiting.

Steve Doyle Cavender of The Villages, Fla. Conspiring to import, possess, distribute and dispense marijuana.

Marie Elena Eppens of Lynden, Wash. Conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute marijuana.

Eduviges Duvi Gonzalez-Matsumura of Clovis, Calif. Aiding and abetting embezzlement of bank funds; and

WHEREAS Agents Compean and Ramos have been living in the torture of solitary confinement for almost two years for something they never should have been prosecuted for in the first place.

WHEREAS it is within the power and authority of the President of the United States to pardon or commute the sentences of Agents Compean and Ramos; and

WHEREAS due to the upcoming change in Administration time is of the essence.

RESOLVED: THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE OF MAINE DO HEREBY ENDORSE AND RECOMMEND TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE AS WELL AS OTHER REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEES AND AFFILIATED REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARDON OR COMMUTE THE SENTENCES OF BORDER AGENTS COMPEAN AND RAMOS AND FURTHERMORE THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE VARIOUS STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GEORGE W. BUSH, AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING: The Hon. Mitch McConnell, The Hon. Jon L. Kyl, The Hon. John Cornyn, The Hon. John Ensign, The Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison, The Hon. John R. Thune, The Hon. Richard Burr, The Hon. Norm Coleman, The Hon. Larry E. Craig, The Hon. James M. Inhofe, The Hon. Olympia J. Snowe, The Hon. John E. Sununu, The Hon. David Vitter, The Hon. Jim DeMint, The Hon. John A. Boehner, The Hon. Roy Blunt, The Hon. Eric I. Cantor, The Hon. Adam Putnam, The Hon. Kay Granger, The Hon. John R. Carter, The Hon. Thaddeus G. McCotter, The Hon. Tom Cole, The Hon. Robert C. Byrd, The Hon. Harry Reid, The Hon. Richard J. Durbin, The Hon. Charles E. Schumer, The Hon. Patty Murray, The Hon. Byron L. Dorgan, The Hon. Debbie A. Stabenow, The Hon. Jeff Bingaman, The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton, The Hon. Blanche L. Lincoln, The Hon. Barbara Boxer, The Hon. Thomas R. Carper, The Hon. Bill Nelson, The Hon. Russ Feingold, The Hon. Nancy Pelosi, The Hon. Steny H. Hoyer, The Hon. James Clyburn, The Hon. John Lewis, The Hon. Rahm Emanuel, The Hon. John B. Larson, The Hon. Xavier Becerra, The Hon. Rosa DeLauro, The Hon. George Miller, The Hon. Chris Van Hollen, The Hon. Joseph Crowley, The Hon. Diana L. DeGette, The Hon. Ed Pastor, The Hon. Janice D. Schakowsky, The Hon. John S. Tanner, The Hon. Maxine Waters, The Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, The Hon. G.K. Butterfield.

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REPRESENTING: AROOSTOOK COUNTY  
JANUARY 10, 2009

As passed by the Maine Republican Party State Committee  
on Saturday, January 10, 2009.

Certified by:

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Mark J. Ellis, State Chairman

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Charles Mahaleris, Secretary