

House Resolution

No. 38

Introduced by Assembly Member Thompson

September 7, 1999

House Resolution No. 38—Relative to Treatment of United States Citizens in Mexico.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Donald “Don” Kraft and his family
2 were vacationing in Mexico on August 24, 1999; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Kraft was in a car accident in which his
4 auto collided with a Mexican government sedan driven
5 by Antonio Garcia Sanchez, Baja California’s chief human
6 rights official; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Kraft suffered serious injury, including
8 a broken neck; and

9 WHEREAS, According to family members involved in
10 the accident, Mr. Kraft was prevented from being sent to
11 Scripps Mercy Medical Center in San Diego by two
12 armed Mexican police; and

13 WHEREAS, According to his family, Mr. Kraft was
14 detained in a Mexican hospital for 18 hours and was
15 released only after family members were able to raise and
16 pay a \$2,300 bond to Mexican officials and \$4,700 for
17 medical care, all in United States cash; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Kraft succumbed to his injuries and
19 passed away on Monday, September 7, 1999; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*
22 That the Assembly strongly requests that the Congress of

1 the United States initiate an investigation of this tragedy
2 and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that no
3 other American citizen is treated in this manner; and be
4 it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
6 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and
7 Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of
8 State, the Speaker of the United States House of
9 Representatives, and each Senator and Representative
10 from California in the Congress of the United States.

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