

Rep. Lemmons II offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 44.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to take steps to deport and extradite the mega-terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Whereas, In concert with America's pre-eminent leadership position in the global fight against terrorism, every reasonable effort should be made by all United States governmental entities to respect international law regarding extradition of convicted terrorists; and

Whereas, Abu Ghraib abuses, Guantanamo Bay military prison violations, and other recent maltreatments have seriously undermined America's stated commitment to combat terrorism. These almost routine excesses have drawn worldwide attention to the huge variance between America's official anti-terrorist position and the apparent utilization of torture and degradation by military police and prisoner interrogators; and

Whereas, To restore American credibility as the champion of human rights, the federal government must take the moral high ground in the Luis Posada Carriles extradition case by adhering to the United States-Venezuela extradition treaty; and

Whereas, Seventy-seven-year-old Posada Carriles was convicted of bombing a Cuban civilian airliner in 1976, killing all 74 people onboard. President Hugo Chavez Frias of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and President Fidel Castro of the Republic of Cuba have designated Posada Carriles the top terrorist in the Americas. In fact, Posada Carriles is a vehement anti-Castro militant, whom President Castro publicly accused of leading a plot to assassinate the Cuban leader in Panama in 2000. The Panamanians arrested Posada Carriles carrying 33 pounds of C-4 explosives. Further, Castro publicly accused Posada Carriles of masterminding a Cuban hotel and nightclub bombing that killed an Italian tourist in 1997. Posada Carriles, in addition, is believed to have actively participated in the murder and bombing of scores of leftists in South and Central America for the past 40 years; and

Whereas, Posada Carriles has a longstanding relationship with the United States Central Intelligence Agency. A host of Federal Bureau of Investigation documents confirm that this icon of terror is a prolific murderer. Posada Carriles has also earned the dubious title of narco-terrorist for the large amount of cocaine that he has imported into the United States; and

Whereas, At a June 17, 2005, meeting, Ricardo Gutierrez, Vice President of the Venezuelan National Assembly, and United States Representatives Dan Burton (R-Indiana), William Delahunt (D-Massachusetts), and Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), all agreed that the United States should extradite Posada Carriles to Venezuela; and

Whereas, Posada Carriles was an active participant in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages deal in the mid-1980s. He also had ties with the Fascist junta of Chilean President Augusto Pinochet. Clearly, granting this monster asylum in the United States is a blatant violation of this country's zero tolerance for terrorism policy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to take steps to deport and extradite the mega-terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the United States of America.