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Representative Holmes

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Lepore-Hagan, Thompson, Celebrezze,
Kent**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2007, Major Karl Hoerig, a pilot for the United States Air Force Reserve, was found brutally murdered in his home in Newton Falls, Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Overwhelming evidence gathered by state and local law enforcement officials established that the victim's wife, Claudia Hoerig, was the prime suspect in the crime; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Hoerig, an American citizen, fled to Brazil immediately following the crime; and

WHEREAS, On April 24, 2007, a Trumbull County grand jury indicted Claudia Hoerig on charges of aggravated murder with a firearm specification; and

WHEREAS, For almost ten years, Claudia Hoerig has evaded 19
justice in the United States due to Brazil's refusal to 20
extradite her for trial, despite diplomatic efforts on the part 21
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States 22
Marshals Service, and the United States Secretary of State; and 23

WHEREAS, Brazil claims that Claudia Hoerig is a Brazilian 24
citizen, despite her voluntary renunciation of Brazilian 25
citizenship, and is therefore protected from extradition under 26
the rights afforded to Brazilian citizens under Title II, 27
Chapter 1, Article 5, Section LI of the Brazilian Constitution; 28
and 29

WHEREAS, Brazil's refusal to extradite its citizens who are 30
suspected of committing crimes in other countries, when those 31
countries provide ample evidence and legal justification for the 32
extradition, amounts to Brazil providing safe harbor to 33
criminals and terrorists; and 34

WHEREAS, Other countries who previously protected their 35
citizens from extradition, including Colombia, have modified 36
their extradition policies in response to diplomatic efforts by 37
the United States; now therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 39
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United 40
States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress 41
of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia 42
Hoerig so that she may stand trial for the aggravated murder of 43
Major Karl Hoerig; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 45
Assembly of the State of Ohio, further urge the President of the 46
United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the 47
Congress of the United States to terminate all foreign aid 48
payments scheduled to be made to Brazil if the request for 49

extradition is not granted; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 51
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 52
President of the United States, the United States Secretary of 53
State, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United 54
States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House 55
of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional 56
delegation, the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, and 57
the news media of Ohio. 58