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Calling for the immediate extradition or rendering to the United States of convicted felon William Morales and all other fugitives from justice who are receiving safe harbor in Cuba in order to escape prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses committed in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2013

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. GRIMM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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RESOLUTION

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Whereas William Morales, leader and chief bomb-maker for the terrorist organization FALN, committed numerous terrorist attacks on United States soil, including the bombings of Fraunces Tavern in lower Manhattan in 1975 and the Mobil Oil employment office in New York in 1977, which killed 5 people and injured hundreds;

Whereas at least 79 fugitives from the United States, charged with offenses ranging from hijacking to kidnapping to drug offenses to murder, are believed to be receiving safe harbor in Cuba;

Whereas other fugitives from United States justice who are receiving safe harbor in Cuba include Joanne Chesimard, who was convicted for the killing of a New Jersey state trooper; Charles Hill, wanted for the killing of a state trooper in New Mexico, Victor Manuel Gerena, on the FBI's list of the ''Ten Most Wanted'' fugitives for carrying out a brutal robbery of a Wells Fargo armored car in Connecticut, and Guillermo Morales, who was convicted of illegal possession of firearms in New York;

Whereas according to treaties enacted in 1905 and 1926 (33 Stat. 2265, 33 Stat. 2273, and 44 Stat. 2392), the United States has a bilateral extradition treaty with Cuba;

Whereas ''Extradition'' is the formal surrender of a person by a country to another country for prosecution or punishment;

Whereas in January 2002, Cuba deported to the United States Jesse James Bell, a United States fugitive wanted on drug charges;

Whereas in March 2002, Cuba extradited drug trafficker Luis Hernando Gómez Bustamante to Colombia, and Gómez Bustamante was subsequently extradited to the United States in July 2007 to face drug trafficking charges; and

Whereas it is imperative that Cuba abide by its extradition treaty with the United States and immediately extradite or render to the United States those legally indicted or

convicted of serious criminal offenses in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls for the immediate extradition or rendering to the United States of convicted felon William Morales and all other fugitives from justice who are receiving safe harbor in Cuba in order to escape prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses committed in the United States;

(2) urges the international community to continue to press for the immediate extradition or rendering of all fugitives from justice that are receiving safe harbor in Cuba; and

(3) calls on the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the United States to continue to press for the immediate extradition or rendering of all fugitives from United States justice so that they may be tried or, if convicted, serve out their sentences.

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