

raised their children, have proven to be hard working and law-abiding people trying to provide a better place for their family. While we are certainly aware of the laws of this country we believe that this is a time when we should do everything possible to allow legal residency so this family can stay in this country.

We urge you to afford the Plascencia family whatever consideration possible.

Sincerely yours,

LARRY FRANZELA,  
*Mayor.*

JIM RUANE,  
*Vice Mayor.*

CHRIS PALLAS,  
*Councilmember.*

IRENE O'CONNELL,  
*Councilmember.*

KEN IBARRA,  
*Councilmember.*

ST. BRUNO'S CHURCH,  
*San Bruno, CA, January 13, 2005.*

Sen. DIANE FEINSTEIN,  
*U.S. Senate,*  
*Washington, DC.*

The purpose of this letter is to present my observations on Alfredo Placencia Lopez and Maria Placencia's character and work ethic. I first came to know them in our Church when they came to worship on a Sunday. This happened around January 1998.

And so far, the last 7 years both Alfredo and Maria have been two of our outstanding parishioners at St. Bruno's Church. They come to Sunday Mass and worship, and have been involved in many ministries and services here in our Church at St. Bruno's. Alfredo has been especially a minister of hospitality, always welcoming people to church and participation in the life of the community, helping to provide a spirit of acceptance and concern among our people and providing bread and refreshments for some gatherings. Alfredo has also reached out to the homeless for whom we have a shelter in our Parish and especially providing them with food. Maria has been especially involved as a teacher, faithfully giving to our children the fundamentals of our Faith, of the Gospel and of a Christian moral life. She has founded a Children's Choir and leads them with our Special Music for Sunday worship. They have four children all of whom have been baptized at St. Bruno's Church and come to our School of Religion and our Church.

Alfredo and Maria have been most generous with their time, their talents and their money, sharing all these with the members of our Church Community. They have also frequently donated food to the Church and to the Pastor. I have found them to be really good Christian people, most generous, considerate, kind, honest and reliable. If they would have to leave the United States, it will be most difficult for them and for their children who have been growing in a Christian environment and are doing so well; it would be a tremendous loss. We too here in our Church would find it difficult without them. For they are a great asset to this country and to our Church and to many people.

We appreciate whatever you can do for them to help them get their legal papers of residence in the United States.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

RENÉ GOMEZ,  
*Pastor of St. Bruno's Church.*

SAN BRUNO, CA,  
*January 13, 2005.*

Re Alfredo Placencia Lopez and/or Maria Del Refugio Placencia.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: My name is Elisa Alvarez. Alfredo and Maria Placencia

and Family are my neighbors and friends, I have known them since 1999. They live on 3rd Ave. and I live on 4th. Since I have known them I saw that they are a very close and spiritual family. I enjoyed their company because they have been a great example of how a close family they are and how spiritual they are. They are great parents and they love and are very close with the rest of their family. They always go every where together as a family, you never see them without each other. They always get together with the rest of their relatives they are very close family. They invited me one night to a prayer group and even offered to pick me up and take me and bring me home when I was going through some hard times. This experience was so moving, and it help me and my whole life changed from that day on. I have became very spiritual thanks to the Alfredo and Maria. I met them at St. Bruno's Church. They always do voluntary work at the church they both do so much for our parish and are always willing to help anyone who needs it.

If Alfredo and Maria are separated from their children and family it will be very hard for their children to be with out their parents or I know if they all go to Mexico it will be very hard for this family to survive there. I hope you can help them by not separating this family, they are hard workers and I'm sure they would never be a burden for this country. This is a very nice young family, you don't see families like this one these days. I hope everything can be done so Alfredo and Maria can get their permanent residency and their lives can get back to normal and they don't have to suffer from this bad roller coaster.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

ELISA ALVAREZ.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 142—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BRING A CASE BEFORE THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 142

Whereas at the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) meeting in April 2004, the People's Republic of China committed to undertake a significant reduction of infringements on intellectual property rights;

Whereas on April 29, 2005, the United States Trade Representative concluded that, "China has not resolved critical deficiencies in (intellectual property rights) protection and enforcement and, as a result, infringements remain at epidemic levels";

Whereas the United States Trade Representative found that "China's inadequate intellectual property rights enforcement is resulting in infringement levels at 90 percent or above for virtually every form of intellectual property,";

Whereas United States Trade Representative further concluded that "there has not been a significant reduction in (intellectual

property rights) infringements throughout China," notwithstanding China's commitment in April 2004 to achieve such a reduction;

Whereas, according to the United States Chamber of Commerce, China's violations of intellectual property rights are costing United States industry an estimated \$200,000,000,000 per year; and

Whereas the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) (described in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act) is intended to provide a mechanism for the enforcement of intellectual property rights: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States Trade Representative should immediately initiate a case against the People's Republic of China through the World Trade Organization dispute settlement process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143—TO AUTHORIZE THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAR IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE NAME OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE UNITED NATIONS' "OIL-FOR-FOOD" PROGRAMME

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 143

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations is conducting an inquiry into the United Nations' "Oil-for-Food" Programme;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has need to obtain access to evidence from an individual formerly associated with the Independent Inquiry Committee, a committee formed by the United Nations to investigate claims relating to the Programme;

Whereas, in the course of the Subcommittee's efforts to obtain access to such evidence, legal issues may arise requiring the Subcommittee to appear in the courts of the United States;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(c), 706(a), and 713(a) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. 288b(c), 288e(a), and 288l(a), the Senate may direct its Counsel to appear as amicus curiae or to intervene in the name of a subcommittee of the Senate in any legal action in which the powers and responsibilities of Congress under the Constitution are placed in issue: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized, when directed by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, or by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, acting jointly, to appear in the name of the Subcommittee as amicus curiae, intervenor, applicant or respondent in United Nations v. Robert Parton or any related action or proceeding.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE 57TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr.