

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,
4 THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE
5 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SPAIN, THE PRESI-
6 DENT OF FRANCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BASQUE AUTONOMOUS
7 COMMUNITY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FORAL GOVERNMENT OF NAVARRE.

8 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
9 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first
10 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

11 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is a North American center of the Basque pop-
12 ulation, and many of those citizens of this state have kept close ties to the
13 homeland of their forefathers; and

14 WHEREAS, from the time of the government of the last dictatorship in
15 Spain until the present, the Basque Country has experienced decades of ter-
16 ror and violence; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1972, the Second Regular Session of the Forty-first Idaho
18 Legislature adopted Senate Joint Memorial No. 115 that condemned the gov-
19 ernment of the last dictatorship in Spain and urged peace and democracy in
20 the Basque Country; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Idaho
22 Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Joint Memorial No. 114 that con-
23 demned all terrorist organizations operating in the world and specifically
24 the terrorist organization Euskadi 'ta Askatasuna (ETA) in Spain and ex-
25 pressed strong support for an immediate end to all violence in the Basque
26 Country and for the establishment of peace and freedom through all demo-
27 cratic and lawful means as well as the recognition of the right to self-de-
28 termination; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho
30 Legislature adopted House Joint Memorial No. 26 that condemned all acts
31 of terrorism and violence by all organizations and individuals within the
32 Basque Country and throughout the world.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
34 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
35 the Senate concurring therein, that the State of Idaho recognizes and com-
36 mends ETA's statements of a definitive cessation of its armed activity and
37 end to terrorism, and further commends the governments of Spain, France, the
38 Basque Autonomous Community and Navarre for their actions to promote dia-
39 logue on the future of the Basque territories and achieving a lasting peace.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Idaho extends its encourage-
41 ment and support to their democratic governments in their ongoing efforts to
42 establish a negotiation process to create a lasting peace, to recognize all

1 victims of terrorism and to consider all democratic forms of referenda on the
2 constitutional future of the Basque territories.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
4 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
5 Memorial to the President and Secretary of State of the United States, the
6 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
7 Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in
8 the Congress of the United States, the Prime Minister of Spain, the President
9 of France, the President of the Basque Autonomous Community and the Presi-
10 dent of the Foral Government of Navarre.