

Rep. Hoogendyk offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 66.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to enact a congressional pardon for border patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

Whereas, Border patrol agents Ramos and Compean were convicted and sentenced for the pursuit and shooting of drug smuggler Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila. Mr. Aldrete-Davila had been fleeing at the time, and the border patrol agents believed Mr. Aldrete-Davila had a firearm in his hand, and so the agents fired in self-defense; and

Whereas, Mr. Aldrete-Davila is a well known drug smuggler who at the time of the shooting was trying to smuggle over 700 pounds of marijuana into the United States. Mr. Aldrete-Davila was given immunity by the United States government to testify against the border patrol agents. After the conviction of the agents, evidence has come to light that Mr. Aldrete-Davila has continued to smuggle drugs into this country even after the shooting; and

Whereas, Our border patrol agents risk their lives on a daily basis protecting the United States borders from various criminals, including drug dealers and potential terrorists. The job of a border patrol agent is chaotic and dangerous at times. Our border patrol agents should be given the benefit of the doubt and should be protected from aggressive prosecution. It is a grave injustice to have prosecuted agents Ramos and Compean for this shooting and is a disservice to those border patrol agents who risk their lives on the front lines protecting our borders; and

Whereas, H.R. 563 is federal legislation that would enact a congressional pardon for agents Ramos and Compean and would encourage the Department of Homeland Security to review the rules of engagement presently used by the United States Border Patrol; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact a congressional pardon for border patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean; 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, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.