



April 10, 2003

Congressman Jerry Lewis
1150 Brookside Ave., Suite J-5
Redlands, CA 92373

RE: HCR 93 (McKeon) --- Request for Support

Dear Congressman Jerry Lewis,

As you are aware, the Riverside Sheriffs' Association is gravely concerned about the current relationship between the United States and the Republic of Mexico in regards to the extradition of wanted criminals.

Since 2001, Mexico has refused to extradite any fugitives back the United States who could be sentenced to death or to life in prison without the possibility of parole. One such fugitive hiding in Mexico is Armando Garcia. Suspect Garcia is wanted for the execution-style murder of brother peace officer, Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff David March on April 29, 2001.

To address this growing crisis, Congressman Buck McKeon, who represents Deputy March's widow Teri, has introduced House Concurrent Resolution 93. HCR 93 states that the President should renegotiate the extradition treaty with Mexico so that the possibility of capital punishment or life imprisonment will not interfere with the timely extradition of criminal suspects from Mexico to the United States.

On behalf of the over 2000 law enforcement professionals represented by the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, I respectfully request that you co-sponsor HCR 93.

Your support in this matter means a great deal to the men and women who put on the badge and risk their lives to ensure the safety of the citizens of Riverside County.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909) 653-5152. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

PAT McNAMARA
President,
Riverside Sheriffs' Association