

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 8, 2004

HONOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CO-SPONSOR H.RES. 466

Dear Colleague:

This month, as we celebrate remarkable women during Women's History Month, I would like to also like to recognize International Women's Day on March 8th, 2004. Around the world, International Women's Day marks a celebration of the economic, social, cultural and political achievements of all women.

An estimated 370 women in the border city of Ciudad Juárez and further south in Chihuahua, Mexico have been kidnapped on their way to work and school and have been found beside roads or in dumpsites, with many of their bodies exhibiting signs of extreme violence and brutality. The women in these areas have lived in fear of these horrible crimes for more than a decade.

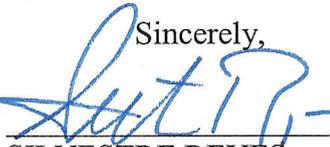
Please join us in voicing our concern over these unsolved killings and commitment to ensure something is done to bring an end to these violent crimes being committed against the daughters, sisters and mothers of Ciudad Juárez by cosponsoring H.Res.466.

H.Res.466:

- Condemns the abductions and murders of young women in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, since 1993 and expresses the deepest sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women killed
- Urges the President and Secretary of State to request that investigative and preventative efforts become part of the bilateral agenda between the Governments of Mexico and the United States
- Supports multilateral efforts to create a DNA database that would allow families to positively identify the remains of the victims
- Condemns the use of torture as a means of investigation into these crimes and encourages the Secretary of State to urge the Government of Mexico to ensure fair and proper judicial proceedings for the individuals accused of these abductions and murders.

For more information or to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Jenny Blau with Congresswoman Solis at x55464 or Javier Martinez with Congressman Reyes at x54831.


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Sincerely,

SILVESTRE REYES
Member of Congress


LOUISE SLAUGHTER
Member of Congress