

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 680

Expressing the sense of the House with respect to the request of Leonard Peltier for executive clemency.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House with respect to the request of Leonard Peltier for executive clemency.

Whereas Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents Ron A. Williams and Jack R. Coler were grievously wounded and then executed at point blank range during the commission of their duties;

Whereas Leonard Peltier was convicted on one count of the first degree murder of Agent Ron A. Williams and one count of first degree murder of Agent Jack R. Coler;

Whereas Leonard Peltier is currently serving two consecutive life sentences for his crimes;

Whereas the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has recently stated that the brutal crimes committed by

Leonard Peltier are considered a complete affront to our cherished system of Government under the rule of law;

Whereas the eighth circuit court of appeals has consistently upheld his conviction on four separate occasions;

Whereas the Supreme Court has twice declined to review his appeal;

Whereas the Federal Parole Board refused to recommend his parole as recently as June 12, 2000; and

Whereas the families of the slain agents have decidedly opposed the commutation of Leonard Peltier's sentence:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House that—

2               (1) Leonard Peltier's petition for executive  
3       clemency from consecutive life sentences for his bru-  
4       tal crimes should be denied; and

5               (2) Leonard Peltier's premeditated execution of  
6       two young Federal Bureau of Investigation agents  
7       was the most vile disrespect to all that we cherish  
8       under our law and our God and for which modera-  
9       tion can only signal disrespect.

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