

Green-Jefferson, wife of Representative William J. Jefferson.

Statement on the Death of Mario Chanes de Armas

March 1, 2007

Cuban patriot Mario Chanes de Armas was a political prisoner of the Castro regime for 30 years, one of the longest sentences of any political prisoner in the world. Like so many Cubans, he sought a democratic Cuban society only to see his quest betrayed by a Castro dictatorship. Mario Chanes was one of the original *plantados*, Cuban political prisoners who were unyielding in their fervent desire for a free Cuba. His patriotism and strong sense of purpose are examples to all freedom-loving people. Laura joins me in sending our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

NOTE: The statement referred to President Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Proclamation 8112—Amending Proclamation 8031 of June 15, 2006, To Read, “Establishment of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument”

February 28, 2007

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Whereas Proclamation 8031 of June 15, 2006, established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument;

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 2 of the Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431), do amend Proclamation 8031 for the purpose of giving the monument a Native Hawaiian name and making the following conforming changes and corrections;

Section 1. The title of Proclamation 8031 is amended to read, “Establishment of the

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument”.

Sec. 2. The phrase Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument is amended to read Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, wherever it appears in Proclamation 8031.

Sec. 3. Under *Findings, Additional Findings for Native Hawaiian Practice Permits*, 2(e) is amended to read: *Any living monument resource harvested from the monument will be consumed or utilized in the monument.*

Sec. 4. The title of the map of the Monument accompanying Proclamation 8031 is amended to read, “Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument” and the word “Sanctuary” in the map is deleted wherever it appears and the word “Monument” is inserted in lieu thereof.

George W. Bush

The White House,
February 28, 2007.

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NOTE: This proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 2, and it will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 6.

Remarks on Departure for New Albany, Indiana

March 2, 2007

March 1 Tornadoes in Alabama, Georgia, and Missouri

Yesterday afternoon I spoke to Governor Riley of Alabama, this morning I spoke to Governor Perdue of Georgia, expressing my personal condolences as well as the condolences of the Nation for those who lost their lives in the recent tragedies in those two States.

Tomorrow I’m going down to Georgia and Alabama. I go down with a heavy heart. I go down knowing full well that I’ll be seeing people whose lives were turned upside down by the tornadoes. I’ll do my very best to comfort them. I ask our Nation, for those who are prayerful, to give a prayer for the victims