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PROPOSED NO. 82-613

MOTION NO. 5600

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2 A MOTION calling on President Reagan to
3 secure the release of Kevin Ellis and
4 Brett Baldwin from captors in Zimbabwe,
5 Africa.

6 WHEREAS, Kevin Ellis and Brett Baldwin were abducted by
7 guerillas in Zimbabwe, Africa on July 23, 1982, and

8 WHEREAS, Kevin Ellis and his family are long-time residents
9 of the City of Medina located in the Seattle/Bellevue/King County
10 metropolitan area in the State of Washington, and

11 WHEREAS, Kevin Ellis attended Bellevue schools, graduating
12 from Bellevue High School, and both Kevin and Brett Baldwin
13 recently graduated from the University of Washington, and

14 WHEREAS, Kevin Ellis and Brett Baldwin did not in any manner
15 provoke their abduction, having visited Zimbabwe as tourists on
16 an African safari, and

17 WHEREAS, Kevin Ellis and Brett Baldwin have been held hostage
18 without communication for more than three months, and

19 WHEREAS, thousands of telegrams, letters, and petitions from
20 concerned citizens throughout the United States have been sent to
21 President Reagan and to the Department of State, urging that all
22 potential diplomatic avenues be pursued, including a personal
23 appeal from the President, to obtain the safe release of Kevin
24 Ellis and Brett Baldwin, and

25 WHEREAS, actions taken by the Department of State and the
26 Diplomatic Corps to free these United States citizens being held
27 hostage have to this date been unsuccessful.

28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

29 The King County Council calls on President Reagan and the
30 Department of State to undertake the strongest possible
31 diplomatic efforts to secure the safe release of Kevin Ellis and
32 Brett Baldwin.
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BE IT FURTHER MOVED,

The King County Council calls on the President and the Department of State to report in full to the families of the hostages and to members of the Washington State Congressional delegation the status of actions to achieve the release of these United States citizens held hostage.

PASSED this 16th day of November, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council