

DECLARATION OF *Rodney Dunaway MD*

1. Rodney Dunaway M.D., have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto under oath. I declare as follows:

1. I am a Board Certified Neurologist. I trained at Walter Reed during the height of the Vietnam war. In the course of that experience, I saw literally hundreds of brain-injured young men. I was the Assistant Chief of Neurology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio. I was Consultant in Neurology to the NASA Flight Surgeon during some of the Apollo missions. I entered private practice in Neurology in 1971. I was Chief of Neurology at Florida Hospital Orlando for many years. I have experience with cases of brain death and vegetative state, as has every neurologist in practice for many years.

2. I have carefully viewed the public tapes of Terri Schiavo. It is apparent that while severely disabled, she is not brain dead. she tracks objects, she smiles. I did not see any "primitive reflexes". It appears to me that she reacts to stimuli.

3. I have been informed of the diagnostic studies upon which the decision to terminate her life have been based. It is my opinion that these studies were inadequate, and insufficient to allow a reasoned opinion by her physicians. In my opinion, further neurologic studies are needed before a declaration of Persistent Vegetative State can be made.

4. Many medical advances have been made in the area of Neurorehabilitation. One distinguished Neurologist has announced on television that he believes she can be rehabilitated. Mrs. Schiavo has not had the benefit of these new techniques, I submit that she should be given the chance.

5. I feel it a grave mistake to give full credence to a statement made in a conversation after watching a movie. (I hope I am not held to statements I made at age


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6. I urge you, before it is too late, to provide basic nutrition to Mrs. Schiavo. If she is to be killed, pass a law dealing with the matter of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Even convicted murderers sentenced to death are treated more humanely than this poor woman.

7. I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 23rd day of March 2005, in Longwood, Florida


Rodney Dunaway M.D., Declarant