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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To urge Governor Dewine and the Ohio Congressional 1  
delegation to resettle refugees from Afghanistan 2  
in the State of Ohio. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, the United States and the 4  
Taliban signed a conditional peace deal, which required that 5  
United States troops be withdrawn from Afghanistan within 6  
fourteen months so long as the Taliban complied with the terms 7  
of the agreement, specifically not to allow any of its members, 8  
other individuals or groups, including Al Qaeda, to use the soil 9  
of Afghanistan to threaten the security of the United States and 10  
its allies; and 11

WHEREAS, in April 2021, President Joseph R. Biden announced 12  
plans to complete the withdrawal of United States troops from 13  
Afghanistan by September 11, 2021; and 14

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2021, the Taliban took control of 15  
the country of Afghanistan, including the capital city of Kabul, 16  
leaving many thousands of Afghan people desperate, afraid, and 17  
uncertain of the future of their country; and 18

WHEREAS, The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the Afghan people who have served with and died alongside American troops over the last two decades as allies; and

WHEREAS, A generation of Afghan people have fought and sacrificed to earn a brighter future that embraces the democratic ideals of liberty, justice, equality, diversity, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of refugees from Afghanistan are families with young children who deserve that bright future; and

WHEREAS, Refugees from Afghanistan are fleeing unsafe conditions where oppression of women, children, and members of the LGBTQ community, is rampant; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 200,000 Ohioans served in the Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Ohio and its citizens, respecting the sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces and our Afghan allies, may continue our devotion to freedom and liberty by offering our home as a resettlement destination for refugees from Afghanistan looking to build new lives in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Five per cent of the state's residents were born in another country, while another five per cent of residents are native-born United States citizens with at least one immigrant parent; and

WHEREAS, Ohio benefits from immigrants' active participation in the economy as immigrants account for one in seven Ohioans working in computer sciences, and one in eight workers in the life, physical, and social sciences; and

WHEREAS, By welcoming these refugees, Ohio will show that it has an indelible commitment to its founding values, and that

our citizens truly believe in the humanity and dignity of all people; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, urge Governor Dewine and the Ohio Congressional delegation to resettle refugees from Afghanistan in the state of Ohio; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Ohio congressional delegation, the Governor of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio.