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Hall, Gross, Grendell, Johnson, Bird, Stoltzfus, Riedel, Plummer, Click, Stewart,
Loychik, Cross, Jordan, Abrams, Creech, Carfagna, John**

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the brave men and women of the United 1
States Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan, 2
and to urge the United States Congress to 3
investigate failures that led to the collapse of 4
the government of Afghanistan. 5

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

WHEREAS, Following the September 11, 2001, attacks, the 6
United States invaded Afghanistan and, with the help of allies, 7
drove the Taliban from power; and 8

WHEREAS, In the two decades of war, over 2,400 United 9
States service members, over 3,800 United States contractors, 10
and over 1,100 allied service members have been killed in 11
theater; and 12

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, the United States and the 13
Taliban signed a conditional peace deal, which required that 14
United States troops be withdrawn from Afghanistan within 15
fourteen months so long as the Taliban complied with the terms 16
of the agreement, specifically not to allow any of its members, 17

other individuals or groups, including Al Qaeda, to use the soil of Afghanistan to threaten the security of the United States and its allies; and

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden rushed decisions to withdraw United States troops without taking into account the national security interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Biden and his administration failed to properly prepare the Afghanistan military for a withdrawal of United States troops from Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The administration failed to have well-prepared contingency plans for the evacuation of United States citizens, personnel, and allies from the embassy, the Capital, and elsewhere in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2021, the Taliban took control of the country of Afghanistan, including the capital city of Kabul; and

WHEREAS, President Biden's decisions have jeopardized the economic and social freedoms enjoyed by the people of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, The people of Afghanistan, particularly women, girls, political activists, journalists, and those who have been outspoken about the Taliban, face the threat of arrest, torture, and possibly death at the hands of the Taliban; and

WHEREAS, The precipitous withdrawal from Afghanistan may cause United States allies to question the resolve of the United States to defend freedom abroad; and

WHEREAS, The withdrawal put American lives in harm's way, and further jeopardized American troops who are in or who are heading to Afghanistan to facilitate the evacuation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, recognize the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan, and those who lost their lives to defend freedom at home and abroad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio condemn President Biden for neglecting his duties and failing the people of Afghanistan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, urge the United States Congress to investigate the failures that led to the collapse of the government of Afghanistan and hold those accountable for allowing this strategic failure to occur; and be in 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.