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H. R. No. 105

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A RESOLUTION

T'O	urge Governor Dewine and the Ohio Congressional	Τ
	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United States troops be withdrawn from Afghanistan within	6	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		
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		
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		
uncertain of the future of their country; and	18	

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WHEREAS, The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the	19
Afghan people who have served with and died alongside American	20
troops over the last two decades as allies; and	21
WHEREAS, A generation of Afghan people have fought and	22
sacrificed to earn a brighter future that embraces the	23
democratic ideals of liberty, justice, equality, diversity, and	24
the pursuit of happiness; and	25
WHEREAS, A large percentage of refugees from Afghanistan	26
are families with young children who deserve that bright future;	27
and	28
WHEREAS, Refugees from Afghanistan are fleeing unsafe	29
conditions where oppression of women, children, and members of	30
the LGBTQ community, is rampant; and	31
WHEREAS, An estimated 200,000 Ohioans served in the Gulf,	32
Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts; and	33
WHEREAS, Ohio and its citizens, respecting the sacrifices	34
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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

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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 48 it has an indelible commitment to its founding values, and that 49

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our citizens truly believe in the humanity and dignity of all	50
people; now therefore be it	51
RESOLVED, That we, the House of Representatives of the	52
State of Ohio, urge Governor Dewine and the Ohio Congressional	53
delegation to resettle refugees from Afghanistan in the state of	54
Ohio; and be it further	55
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	56
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	57
President of the United States, the President of the United	58
States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of	59
Representatives, the members of the Ohio congressional	60
delegation, the Governor of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio.	61