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2 Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee.

3 *Whereas, In 2002, Bibi Bahrami founded Afghan Women's*
4 *and Kids' Education and Necessities (AWAKEN) in an effort to*
5 *improve access to education, provide health care services,*
6 *create vocational opportunities, and ensure that timely*
7 *emergency assistance is provided for Afghan women and*
8 *children;*

9 *Whereas, AWAKEN was established in Muncie, and since*
10 *2002, it has provided over 700,000 patients with free health*
11 *care, supported over 3,500 students through its offered*
12 *education programs, and assisted over 1,500 women in*
13 *vocational training;*

14 *Whereas, The Muncie Afghan Refugee Resettlement*
15 *Committee (MARRC) was formed as an offshoot branch of*
16 *AWAKEN in September 2021 to welcome the refugees from*
17 *Afghanistan and guarantee the systems, structures, and support*
18 *were in place to help these families thrive in their new home;*

19 *Whereas, A coalition of private entities, including community*
20 *members, groups, churches, medical networks, and nonprofit*
21 *organizations, came together to form the membership of*
22 *MARRC;*

23 *Whereas, MARRC consists of approximately a dozen*
24 *subcommittees, all focused on different aspects of resettlement*
25 *among which include subcommittees on finance, furniture,*
26 *essentials, fundraising, employment, housing, education,*



1 *communications, and technology;*

2 *Whereas, It is seen as a moral obligation to the members of*
 3 *MARRC to assist in the resettlement effort given how many of*
 4 *these fleeing families assisted the United States during the*
 5 *Afghanistan War and as a result, face reprisal from the*
 6 *Taliban;*

7 *Whereas, MARRC has strived to present a welcoming attitude*
 8 *toward its new neighbors and has set a goal of bringing 50*
 9 *families into Muncie;*

10 *Whereas, MARRC has pledged to support each family*
 11 *welcomed into Muncie for six months to allow its neighbors to*
 12 *get their feet under them, find jobs, and establish themselves;*

13 *Whereas, MARRC has already helped resettle dozens of*
 14 *individuals in multiple families into the Muncie community and*
 15 *is currently in the process of helping these individuals find*
 16 *employment along with schooling for their children;*

17 *Whereas, Medical services have been provided through*
 18 *MARRC by different health care facilities to assist those in need*
 19 *of dental services, routine checkups, and treatment of other*
 20 *serious conditions;*

21 *Whereas, All donations made to MARRC go toward assisting*
 22 *their new neighbors; and*

23 *Whereas, It is the goal of MARRC to ensure that its new*
 24 *neighbors are independent, functional, and productive members*
 25 *of the Muncie community: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 27 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 28 *the Senate concurring:*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
 30 the Muncie Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee for its
 31 hard work and dedication to providing humanitarian assistance.

32 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly welcomes
 33 the families from Afghanistan to Indiana and wishes them well
 34 as they settle into their new communities.

35 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- 1 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the office
- 2 of State Representative Sue Errington for distribution.

