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Calling for the immediate release of George Glezmann, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on December 5, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of all Americans by the Taliban.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate release of George Glezmann, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on December 5, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of all Americans by the Taliban.

Whereas George Glezmann is known to his family, friends, colleagues, and associates as a loving father, as well as a kind, service-oriented man to his community;

Whereas, in December 2022, George Glezmann traveled to Afghanistan for a five-day trip to explore the cultural landscape and rich history of the country;

Whereas the Taliban detained George Glezmann without charging him with a crime or granting him due process in any judicial proceedings;

Whereas, on September 29, 2023, George Glezmann was designated as wrongfully detained by United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken;

Whereas George Glezmann is being held in a nine-foot by nine-foot cell with other detainees and has been held in solitary confinement and underground for months at a time;

Whereas the Taliban has not granted George Glezmann any consular visits by Department of State personnel;

Whereas, during his detention, George Glezmann has had only seven phone calls totaling 54 minutes with his family and limited in-person visits with representatives of Qatar, the protecting power of the United States in Afghanistan;

Whereas George Glezmann is suffering from facial tumors, hypertension, severe malnutrition, and other medical conditions; and

Whereas George Glezmann turned 65 years old during his wrongful detention, and his physical and mental health are rapidly declining due to the stress and harsh conditions such that his family fears he will not survive his wrongful detention: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls on the Taliban to immediately and un-
3 conditionally release George Glezmann and all other
4 citizens and lawful permanent residents of the
5 United States wrongfully detained in Afghanistan;

6 (2) urges the Taliban to respect George
7 Glezmann’s human rights and to provide full, unfet-

1 tered, and consistent health and safety visits to
2 George Glezmann while in detention;

3 (3) encourages the Government of Qatar, as the
4 protecting power of the United States in Afghani-
5 stan, to continue its efforts to conduct basic health
6 and wellness checks on George Glezmann, thanks
7 Qatar for its efforts so far, and encourages Qatar to
8 be involved in securing the release of George
9 Glezmann;

10 (4) urges the President of the United States
11 and all United States executive branch officials to
12 continue to raise the case of George Glezmann and
13 to press for his immediate release in all interactions
14 with the Taliban;

15 (5) condemns the Taliban's practice of wrongful
16 detention and demands that the Taliban stop detain-
17 ing United States citizens for political gain;

18 (6) expresses sympathy for and solidarity with
19 the families of all other citizens and lawful perma-
20 nent residents of the United States wrongfully de-
21 tained abroad; and

22 (7) expresses support for the family of George
23 Glezmann and a commitment to bringing George
24 Glezmann home.

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