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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 2024

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AUGUST 1, 2024

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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 Senate—

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;

1 (2) urges the Taliban to respect George
2 Glezmann's human rights and to provide full, unfet-
3 tered, and consistent health and safety visits to
4 George Glezmann while in detention;

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

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

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

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

1 (7) expresses support for the family of George
2 Glezmann and a commitment to bringing George
3 Glezmann home.

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