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H. RES. 547

Calling for the continued support of Afghan women and girls after the drawdown of American troops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MANNING (for herself, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. KEATING, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. WILD, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. DEAN, Mr. MEIJER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. SOTO, Ms. MENG, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. KILMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling for the continued support of Afghan women and girls after the drawdown of American troops.

Whereas President Biden has announced the United States will withdraw all United States forces from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021;

Whereas the Government of Afghanistan and the Taliban are currently engaged in a peace negotiation process;

Whereas decades of conflict and the emergence of the Taliban in the 1990s sharply diminished the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan;

Whereas women and girls in Afghanistan suffered enormous anguish under Taliban rule;

Whereas the Taliban government brutally oppressed women, including by prohibiting women and girls from attending school, banning women from working, and perpetrating egregious acts of violence such as rape;

Whereas, following the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan and subsequent overthrow of the Taliban government, opportunities for women in Afghanistan have dramatically improved;

Whereas Afghan women are now able to vote, attend school, work, and run for elected office;

Whereas Afghan women have assumed leadership roles such as ministers, provincial governors, judges, police officers, members of Parliament, and journalists, and are an important part of Afghan civil society;

Whereas Afghan women and girls tragically remain targets of violence, recently illustrated on May 8, 2021, when terrorists killed at least 85 people and wounded more than 100 people in three explosions near a high school for girls in Kabul;

Whereas the Taliban's history of brutality against women and the absence of significant female representation throughout negotiations have created concern for the future of women in Afghanistan; and

Whereas President Biden has pledged the United States will “continue to support the rights of Afghan women and girls by maintaining significant humanitarian and development assistance”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns acts of violence against Afghan
2 women and girls and any effort to limit the ability
3 of women and girls to vote, work, obtain an edu-
4 cation or otherwise participate in the civic affairs of
5 Afghanistan;

6 (2) commits to continued assistance to support
7 the advancement of women's and girls' education
8 and access to employment and their full participa-
9 tion in Afghan society; and

10 (3) urges the Administration to ensure that Af-
11 ghan women, youth, and other marginalized groups
12 including from rural and urban provinces are mean-
13 ingfully participating and engaging in all peace
14 talks.

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