



2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

July 21, 2021 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, L. TAYLOR and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives ROZAR, ARMSTRONG and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commemorating Afghan interpreters and urging the federal
2 government to fulfill its responsibility in ensuring their safety.

3 Whereas, in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, President
4 George W. Bush signed a resolution authorizing the use of military force against
5 nations, organizations, or persons responsible for the 9/11 attacks—namely, al
6 Qaeda and the Taliban government; and

7 Whereas, on October 7, 2001, the United States launched military operations
8 in Afghanistan against al Qaeda and the Taliban government; and

9 Whereas, on May 1, 2021, the United States announced the final and formal
10 withdrawal of all U.S. military forces from Afghanistan, which is planned to be
11 completed by September 11, 2021, on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks; and

12 Whereas, since 2001, numerous Afghan interpreters worked closely alongside
13 the United States and its allied forces in Afghanistan, risking the lives of their
14 families and themselves to provide lifesaving assistance to American troops for
15 nearly two decades; and

