

REFERENCE TITLE: honoring military interpreters

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A RESOLUTION

HONORING FOREIGN INTERPRETERS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, foreign interpreters have served the United States and
2 allied forces in military conflict zones for generations; and

3 Whereas, thousands of these heroic interpreters have served in this
4 capacity since the start of the Afghan War in 2001, and many aided our
5 nation even before then; and

6 Whereas, interpreters, often locals of the area, work alongside
7 American forces to both translate and advise when cultural sensitivities
8 and manners of appropriateness are of the utmost priority; and

9 Whereas, these interpreters are critical assets to the United States
10 military in ensuring that cultural customs are respected while passively
11 providing real-time critical intelligence in complex situational
12 encounters; and

13 Whereas, in addition to their day-to-day service to the United
14 States military in achieving objectives in the field, these interpreters
15 and their families have built lasting friendships with American service
16 members; and

17 Whereas, during and after the fall of Kabul in August 2021, these
18 heroic interpreters and their families were targeted for their
19 relationship with the United States; and

20 Whereas, the risks that these unsung heroes have taken in putting
21 their lives on the line, and the many sacrifices they have made to aid in
22 preserving freedom worldwide, should never be diminished, and our support
23 for them should continue, just as they have loyally supported us during
24 the toughest of times.

25 Therefore

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

27 That the Members of the House of Representatives honor the foreign
28 interpreters who have consistently aided the United States military and
29 commend them for their heroic efforts to preserve freedom worldwide.