2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81


Relating to: honoring the service of members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan.

Whereas, our U.S. military, along with its allies, ensured a generation of educational and societal opportunities for the women and children of Afghanistan; and

Whereas, our U.S. military, along with its allies, provided 20 years of security and safety for America’s homeland; and

Whereas, since October 2001, more than 800,000 U.S. military service members have served in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, 2,327 U.S. service members gave their lives in the line of duty in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the U.S. military was ordered to evacuate from an inadequate, ill-equipped airport with insufficient planning, precautions, or American service members; and
Whereas, from August 15, 2021, to August 31, 2021, U.S. service members evacuated more than 100,000 airmen, guardsmen, soldiers, sailors, marines, and civilians after Kabul fell to the Taliban; and

Whereas, these brave men and women were heroically dedicated to limiting the number of American citizens and allies stranded in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, their lives were in constant mortal danger from various Islamic terrorist groups including the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and ISIS-K; and

Whereas, on August 26, 2021, 13 U.S. service members were killed at Kabul Airport by ISIS-K; and

Whereas, on August 30, 2021, American forces completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature joins in honoring the American airmen, guardsmen, soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in Afghanistan.

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