

SR 69 -- Redline

Introduced to Reported -- Recognize Bhutan responsibility for oppressing 120,000 citizens

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As ~~Introduced~~Reported by the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee 136th General Assembly Regular Session S.

69 2025-2026 Senator Reynolds ~~A Cosponsors: R E S O L U T I O N To recognize the Kingdom of Bhutan as responsible for the 1 oppression and forced eviction of more than 120,000 2 Bhutanese citizens during the late 1980s and 1990s.~~

Senators Schaffer, Johnson A R E S O L U T I O N To recognize the Kingdom of Bhutan as responsible for the 1 oppression and forced eviction of more than 120,000 2 Bhutanese citizens during the late 1980s and 1990s.

and 19 ~~WHEREAS, The remaining Bhutanese refugees in Nepal continue 20~~ S.

69 Page 2 As ~~Introduced~~Reported by the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee ~~WHEREAS, The remaining Bhutanese refugees in Nepal continue 20~~ to endure severe challenges in accessing adequate health care, 21 quality education, and sustainable employment opportunities, 22 which hinders their ability to rebuild their lives with dignity 23 and security;

and 48 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Bhutan is a close Indo-Pacific 49 partner of the United States and committed to upholding the 50 ~~rules-based~~S. international order;
~~now therefore be it 51~~ S.

69 Page 3 As ~~Introduced~~Reported ~~RESOLVED, by That we, the members of the Ohio Senate of~~Armed the Services,
~~52 Veterans 136th Affairs General Assembly, urge the Congress of the United States 53 to declare that the Royal Government of Bhutan is responsible 54 for the political, cultural, and ethnic~~Public
~~oppression~~Safety ofCommittee Nepali-rules-based 55 international speaking order; Bhutanese, Sharchops, and other minorities in Bhutan 56 during the late 1980s and 1990s;

now therefore be it 51 RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio Senate of the 52 136th General Assembly, urge the Congress of the United States 53 to declare that the Royal Government of Bhutan is responsible 54 for the political, cultural, and ethnic oppression of Nepali- 55 speaking Bhutanese, Sharchops, and other minorities in Bhutan 56 during the late 1980s and 1990s;

and be it further 75 RESOLVED, That we urge the Congress of the United States to 76 urge the Royal Government of Bhutan to engage in a comprehensive 77 peacebuilding and reconciliation process by establishing an 78 independent truth commission to investigate human rights 79 violations and abuses committed during the 1990s, publicly 80 disclose its findings, and implement its recommendations to 81 ~~prevent~~S. future oppression;
~~and be it further 82~~ S.

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~~55,000 Affairs Bhutanese and 83 Public Americans~~Safety callCommittee Ohio prevent home, future
~~contributing oppression; significantly to the 84 state's economic growth and cultural vibrancy.~~
and be it further 82 RESOLVED, That we recognize that over 55,000 Bhutanese 83 Americans call Ohio home, contributing significantly to the 84 state's economic growth and cultural vibrancy.