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Special Operations Veteran Group Applauds Senate Resolution

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Washington, D.C. - Washington, D.C. – Today, Senators Moran and Blumenthal, members of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, introduced a [Senate Resolution to honor the efforts of veteran-led evacuation efforts in Afghanistan](#).

“Today’s Resolution recognizes the efforts made by veterans during the evacuation in August, and the ongoing efforts of America’s veterans and thousands of volunteers who, since August, have worked around the clock to help our partners in Afghanistan. To this day, we are still working to evacuate members of the Afghan Special Operations community, women at risk, and vulnerable Afghans who were promised safe passage to the United States,” said Daniel Elkins, chief executive officer and co-founder of the Special Operations Association of America.

Said Senator Jerry Moran (Kansas), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, on the introduction of the Resolution, “These volunteer veteran groups shared information, drafted flight manifests and coordinated food and supplies to be delivered to families who were in hiding. Without these volunteers, many Afghan men, women, and children would have suffered greatly or lost their life.”

The sentiment was echoed by Senator Blumenthal (Connecticut), also a member of the Committee, “The heroic actions of our nation’s veterans and civilian volunteers saved the lives of countless Afghan allies. For two decades, these essential translators, interpreters, and guards for the U.S. mission provided our soldiers and diplomats with invaluable support. As they sought refuge from assured torture and death at the hands of the Taliban, Americans back home stepped up to protect the allies that had once protected them.”

The Resolution also calls on the Biden Administration to recognize those who continue to support evacuation efforts in Afghanistan and provide relief for veterans from the moral injury of the evacuation.

Elkins said of today’s announcement, “America made promises. It’s not too late to honor them. We thank Senators Blumenthal and Moran for their leadership in taking this important step to make this right for our veterans.”

About the Special Operations Association of America

The Special Operations Association of America (SOAA) advocates for all past, present, and future members of the Special Operations community and their families. Fighting for those who fight for us to ensure mission success and lethality for those who bear the greater burden.

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