



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution on Behalf of Deported Veterans

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that there are 5 veterans of foreign wars, including World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan who were legal permanent residents; and

WHEREAS, when they returned to civilian life without appropriate support in reintegration psychologically and economically, they fell into addictions and criminal activities, were arrested and, due to their legal permanent resident status, were deported; and

WHEREAS, these veterans live in Mexico, Central America, and other 3rd world countries in terrible and abject conditions after having served honorably in the armed services of the United State; and

WHEREAS, several of these veterans have asked for support in obtaining reentry into the Unaided States to be with their families and US citizen children; and

WHEREAS, the nation owes these veterans adequate support and rehabilitation equal to that owed veterans with full citizenship; and

WHEREAS, these deported veterans represent the tragic results of a population under siege by the policies of mass deportation and mass incarceration and should be supported in resistance to those policies

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, We LULAC will urge the Governor to issue a pardon and urge the Senators to submit a private bill on behalf of the 5 deported Veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that we LULAC will bring the case of these veterans to the attention of our Local and State Legislature and our Governor, members of Congress and to the President of the United States in a determined effort to win the return of these veterans to their families, children and communities in the United Sates.

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