



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF DEPORTED VETERANS

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens is this nation's oldest and largest Latino organization, founded in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 17, 1929; and

WHEREAS, LULAC throughout its history has committed itself to the principles that Latinos have equal access to opportunities in employment, education, housing and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that there are a significant number of 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, numbers of these veterans live in Mexico in terrible and abject conditions after having served honorably in the armed services of the United States; and

WHEREAS, several of these veterans have asked for support in obtaining reentry into the United 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 that the League of United Latin American Citizens hereby:

1. urges members of Congress and the President of the United States to return these veterans to their families, children and communities in the United States.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2018 LULAC National Convention on July 21, 2018.

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