

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Reps. Manoogian, Hammoud, Shannon, LaGrand, Bolden, Rabhi, Pagan, Garza, Liberati, Guerra, Neeley, Tate, Sabo, Kuppa, Elder, Cambensy, Kennedy, Tyrone Carter, Anthony and Ellison offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to oppose the mass deportation of Iraqi nationals  
2 residing in Michigan and the United States.

3           Whereas, More than 100 Michigan residents of Iraqi and  
4 Chaldean-Assyrian descent have been arrested by federal Immigration  
5 and Customs Enforcement and threatened with deportation; and

6           Whereas, Removing these Michigan residents from their homes  
7 and communities and deporting them to Iraq will put their lives in  
8 danger. Many of these Iraqi nationals were children when they came  
9 to the United States as refugees, fleeing systematic religious  
10 persecution and violence in Iraq. As members of religious



1 minorities, these individuals will face persecution for their  
2 religious beliefs and will face insurmountable struggle to rebuild  
3 their lives in a country they do not and have never called home;  
4 and

5       Whereas, Individuals of Iraqi descent have made important  
6 historical contributions to the United States and to Michigan.  
7 Metro Detroit is home to the largest concentration of Chaldeans  
8 outside of Iraq. Chaldean Michiganders are doctors, lawyers,  
9 business owners, mothers and fathers, and community leaders. These  
10 Michigan residents grew up and made their home here in Michigan,  
11 raised families, and became part of the fabric this state; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the  
14 mass deportation of Iraqi nationals residing in Michigan and the  
15 United States; and be it further

16       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
17 Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the  
18 members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

