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By Senator Saldaña

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 10, strike all material through  
2 "assembled." on page 4, line 3 and insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi was raised from the age of one in  
4 Seattle, Washington, where she attended West Seattle High School as  
5 well as the Ida B. Wells School for Social Justice, an alternative  
6 Seattle Public Schools college preparatory program at the University  
7 of Washington campus; and

8 WHEREAS, Eygi possessed a profound sense of peace and justice  
9 which cultivated her enduring personal commitment to social and  
10 environmental activism as a tireless community leader who organized  
11 peaceful protests including a 2016 mass student walkout against  
12 xenophobia and for religious freedom in Seattle, who stood in  
13 solidarity with indigenous, displaced, and marginalized communities  
14 across the country, including participating in the Dakota Access  
15 Pipeline protests, who spent time supporting the elderly and  
16 individuals with disabilities, and who worked as a behavioral  
17 technician to serve children on the autism spectrum and their  
18 families; and

19 WHEREAS, Eygi was equally enthusiastic and energetic about  
20 engaging in global movements for peace and sustainability, devoting  
21 herself to the mutual advancement of climate justice and human rights  
22 through her understanding of the interdependence of healthy  
23 ecosystems and thriving societies whether supporting physical therapy  
24 and eco-building projects in Myanmar, participating in coral reef  
25 restoration in Australia, or transforming recycled plastics into  
26 usable fuel in Indonesia; and

27 WHEREAS, Eygi was an advocate for immigrant and refugee rights  
28 and supported immigration justice for members of the broader Seattle  
29 community, assisting them with resettlement and paperwork; and

30 WHEREAS, Eygi's tireless advocacy also extended to supporting  
31 displaced communities, including organizing an art market fundraiser  
32 in Seattle, raising over \$47,000 for medical aid for children in  
33 Gaza; and

1       WHEREAS, Eygi graduated in June 2024 from the University of  
2 Washington School of Psychology, with plans to pursue a Ph.D. in  
3 anthropology to help underserved American immigrant communities by  
4 conducting research and providing clinical counseling; and

5       WHEREAS, Eygi advocated for the rights of Palestinian students,  
6 faculty, and families while pursuing her degree at the University of  
7 Washington, and worked with the administration to create  
8 opportunities for Palestinians affected by the devastation in Gaza,  
9 including scholarships, and a Palestine Studies Center; and

10       WHEREAS, Eygi's strong sense of commitment to human rights  
11 compelled her to travel to the West Bank in September 2024 as a  
12 peaceful human rights observer; and

13       WHEREAS, Eygi was tragically killed at the age of 26 on September  
14 6, 2024, in the West Bank when she was shot and killed while  
15 courageously observing the forceful displacement of Palestinians from  
16 their homes to make way for an Israeli settlement; and

17       WHEREAS, In honor of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi as a human rights  
18 advocate, community organizer, and university alumna, the University  
19 of Washington Middle East Center established a public lecture series  
20 in her name to foster public education, dialogue, and civic  
21 engagement on issues of international human rights, global peace, and  
22 environmental sustainability; and

23       WHEREAS, Rachel Corrie of Olympia, another Washingtonian human  
24 rights activist, traveled to the Gaza Strip in 2003 as part of a  
25 human rights mission and was tragically killed in Rafah on March 16,  
26 2003, when she was fatally crushed by an Israeli military bulldozer  
27 operated by two Israeli soldiers, as she stood to prevent the  
28 demolition of a Palestinian family's home, an act of profound bravery  
29 and selflessness; and

30       WHEREAS, Rachel Corrie's family never achieved accountability for  
31 her death neither through United States government diplomatic  
32 channels, nor in Israeli courts, which ruled that the Israeli  
33 military bore no responsibility for Rachel's death; and

34       WHEREAS, The families of Rachel Corrie and Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi  
35 continue the fight for justice and accountability for Ayşenur  
36 together; and

37       WHEREAS, Justice and accountability are imperative for both  
38 Rachel and Ayşenur, as well as for all United States citizens killed  
39 abroad; and

1       WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and Rachel Corrie's work exemplifies  
2 the highest ideals of courage, compassion, and an unyielding  
3 dedication to creating a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world,  
4 particularly for communities most impacted by climate change and  
5 injustice; and

6       WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and Rachel Corrie have become symbols  
7 of solidarity and human rights across the globe; and

8       WHEREAS, Justice and accountability for the unacceptable death of  
9 Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and other United States citizens abroad require the  
10 full attention of the United States government, including a  
11 transparent, thorough, and independent investigation led by the  
12 United States;

13       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the  
14 United States open a transparent, thorough, and independent  
15 investigation into the violent death of Eygi, to ensure justice and  
16 accountability for Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and all United States citizens  
17 killed under the jurisdiction of a foreign government.

18       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United  
20 States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States  
21 Department of State, the United States Department of Justice, the  
22 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of  
24 the United States, in Congress assembled."

EFFECT: • Strikes specific phrases, clauses, and adverbs.  
• Replaces certain terms.  
• Adds a clause and adverb.

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