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**By** Representatives Street, Farivar, Santos, Salahuddin, Goodman, Pollet, Macri, Bernbaum, Hill, Berg, Donaghy, Thomas, Scott, Reed, Entenman, Fey, Cortes, Zahn, Nance, Berry, Fosse, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Simmons, Parshley, Thai, Mena, Ramel, Gregerson, Doglio, Peterson, Kloba, and Obras

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1 TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE UNITED STATES  
5 SECRETARY OF STATE, AND TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND  
6 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,  
9 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi was raised from the age of one in  
11 Seattle, Washington, where she attended West Seattle High School as  
12 well as the Ida B. Wells School for Social Justice, an alternative  
13 Seattle Public Schools college preparatory program at the University  
14 of Washington campus; and

15 WHEREAS, Eygi possessed a profound sense of peace and justice  
16 which cultivated her enduring personal commitment to social and  
17 environmental activism as a tireless community leader who organized  
18 peaceful protests including a 2016 mass student walkout against  
19 xenophobia and for religious freedom in Seattle, who stood in  
20 solidarity with indigenous, displaced, and marginalized communities  
21 across the country, including participating in the Dakota Access  
22 Pipeline protests, who spent time supporting the elderly and  
23 individuals with disabilities, and who worked as a behavioral

1 technician to serve children on the autism spectrum and their  
2 families; and

3 WHEREAS, Eygi was equally enthusiastic and energetic about  
4 engaging in global movements for peace and sustainability, devoting  
5 herself to the mutual advancement of climate justice and human rights  
6 through her understanding of the interdependence of healthy  
7 ecosystems and thriving societies whether supporting physical therapy  
8 and eco-building projects in Myanmar, participating in coral reef  
9 restoration in Australia, or transforming recycled plastics into  
10 usable fuel in Indonesia; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Eygi advocated for the rights of Palestinian students,  
23 faculty, and families while pursuing her degree at the University of  
24 Washington, and worked with the administration to create  
25 opportunities for Palestinians affected by the devastation in Gaza,  
26 including scholarships, and a Palestine Studies Center; and

27 WHEREAS, Eygi's strong sense of commitment to human rights  
28 compelled her to travel to the West Bank, Palestine, in September  
29 2024 as a peaceful human rights observer; and

30 WHEREAS, Eygi was tragically killed at the age of 26 on September  
31 6, 2024, in the West Bank, Palestine, when she was unprovokedly shot  
32 by an Israeli military sniper while peacefully observing the illegal  
33 displacement of Indigenous Palestinians from their homes to make way  
34 for an Israeli settlement, an act of profound bravery and  
35 selflessness; and

36 WHEREAS, In honor of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi as a human rights  
37 advocate, community organizer, and university alumna, the University  
38 of Washington Middle East Center established a public lecture series  
39 in her name to foster public education, dialogue, and civic

1 engagement on issues of international human rights, global peace, and  
2 environmental sustainability; and

3 WHEREAS, Rachel Corrie of Olympia, another Washingtonian human  
4 rights activist, traveled to the Gaza Strip in 2003 as part of a  
5 human rights mission and was tragically killed in Rafah on March 16,  
6 2003, when she was fatally crushed by an Israeli military bulldozer  
7 operated by two Israeli soldiers, as she stood to prevent the  
8 demolition of a Palestinian family's home, an act of profound bravery  
9 and selflessness; and

10 WHEREAS, Rachel Corrie's family never achieved accountability for  
11 her killing neither through United States government diplomatic  
12 channels, nor in Israeli courts, which ruled that the Israeli  
13 military bore no responsibility for Rachel's killing, a ruling widely  
14 criticized by human rights organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, The families of Rachel Corrie and Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi  
16 continue the fight for justice and accountability for Ayşenur  
17 together; and

18 WHEREAS, Justice and accountability are imperative for both  
19 Rachel and Ayşenur, as well as for all United States citizens  
20 unjustly killed abroad; and

21 WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and Rachel Corrie's work exemplifies  
22 the highest ideals of courage, compassion, and an unyielding  
23 dedication to creating a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world,  
24 particularly for communities most impacted by climate change and  
25 injustice; and

26 WHEREAS, Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and Rachel Corrie have become  
27 international symbols of solidarity and human rights across the  
28 globe; and

29 WHEREAS, Justice and accountability for the unjust killing of  
30 Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and other United States citizens abroad require the  
31 full attention of the United States government, including a  
32 transparent, thorough, and independent investigation led by the  
33 United States into her death at the hands of Israeli military forces;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the  
35 United States open a transparent, thorough, and independent  
36 investigation into the killing of Eygi by Israeli military forces, to  
37 ensure justice and accountability for Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi and all  
38 United States citizens wrongfully killed at the hands of a foreign  
39 government.

1       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
2 transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United  
3 States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States  
4 Department of State, the United States Department of Justice, the  
5 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the United States, in Congress assembled.

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