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# S. J. RES. 23

To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

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Whereas on September 11, 2001, acts of treacherous violence were committed against the United States and its citizens;

Whereas such acts render it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad;

Whereas in light of the threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by these grave acts of violence;

Whereas such acts continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States; and

Whereas the President has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States; Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5        This joint resolution may be cited as the “Authoriza-  
6 tion for Use of Military Force”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**  
8 **ARMED FORCES.**

9        (a) That the President is authorized to use all nec-  
10 essary and appropriate force against those nations, organi-  
11 zations, or persons he determines planned, authorized,  
12 committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on  
13 September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or  
14 persons, in order to prevent any future acts of inter-  
15 national terrorism against the United States by such na-  
16 tions, organizations or persons.

17        (b) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—**

18            (1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—**

19        Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers  
20        Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is

1 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-  
2 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War  
3 Powers Resolution.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-  
5 MENTS.—Nothing in this resolution supercedes any  
6 requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

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