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Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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POCAN, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. LOWEY, and Ms. JAYAPAL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF USE OF UNITED STATES**
4 **ARMED FORCES TO ENGAGE IN HOSTILITIES**
5 **IN OR AGAINST IRAN.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) The Government of Iran is a leading state
9 sponsor of terrorism and engages in a range of de-
10 stabilizing activities across the Middle East. Iranian
11 General Qassem Soleimani was the lead architect of
12 much of Iran’s destabilizing activities throughout the
13 world.

14 (2) The United States has an inherent right to
15 self-defense against imminent armed attacks. The
16 United States maintains the right to ensure the
17 safety of diplomatic personnel serving abroad.

1 (3) In matters of imminent armed attacks, the
2 executive branch should indicate to Congress why
3 military action was necessary within a certain win-
4 dow of opportunity, the possible harm that missing
5 the window would cause, and why the action was
6 likely to prevent future disastrous attacks against
7 the United States.

8 (4) The United States has national interests in
9 preserving its partnership with Iraq and other coun-
10 tries in the region, including by—

11 (A) combating terrorists, including the Is-
12 lamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS);

13 (B) preventing Iran from achieving a nu-
14 clear weapons capability; and

15 (C) supporting the people of Iraq, Iran,
16 and other countries throughout the Middle East
17 who demand an end to government corruption
18 and violations of basic human rights.

19 (5) Over the past eight months, in response to
20 rising tensions with Iran, the United States has in-
21 troduced over 15,000 additional forces into the Mid-
22 dle East. The killing of Iranian General Qassem
23 Soleimani, as well as Iran’s ballistic missile attack
24 on Iraqi bases, risks significant escalation in hos-
25 tilities between the United States and Iran.

1 (6) When the United States uses military force,
2 the American people and members of the United
3 States Armed Forces deserve a credible explanation
4 regarding such use of military force.

5 (7) The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
6 1541 et seq.) requires the President to consult with
7 Congress “in every possible instance” before intro-
8 ducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities.

9 (8) Congress has not authorized the President
10 to use military force against Iran.

11 (b) TERMINATION.—Pursuant to section 5(c) of the
12 War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), Congress
13 hereby directs the President to terminate the use of
14 United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or
15 against Iran or any part of its government or military,
16 unless—

17 (1) Congress has declared war or enacted spe-
18 cific statutory authorization for such use of the
19 Armed Forces; or

20 (2) such use of the Armed Forces is necessary
21 and appropriate to defend against an imminent
22 armed attack upon the United States, its territories
23 or possessions, or its Armed Forces, consistent with
24 the requirements of the War Powers Resolution.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion may be construed—

3 (1) to prevent the President from using military
4 force against al Qaeda or associated forces;

5 (2) to limit the obligations of the executive
6 branch set forth in the War Powers Resolution (50
7 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

8 (3) to affect the provisions of an Act or joint
9 resolution of Congress specifically authorizing the
10 use of United States Armed Forces to engage in
11 hostilities against Iran or any part of its government
12 or military that is enacted after the date of the
13 adoption of this concurrent resolution;

14 (4) to prevent the use of necessary and appro-
15 priate military force to defend United States allies
16 and partners if authorized by Congress consistent
17 with the requirements of the War Powers Resolu-
18 tion; or

19 (5) to authorize the use of military force.

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