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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the consideration of “Just War” principles prior to any vote with respect to a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the incorporation of “Just War” principles into deliberations with regard to a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force will ensure that the United States takes military action only under certain circumstances: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that, prior to any vote by the House with re-
3 spect to the introduction of the United States Armed
4 Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent

1 involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-
2 cumstances, the House should also determine—

3 (1) whether such introduction is for the purpose
4 of a just cause, such as—

5 (A) stopping a genocide or ethnic cleans-
6 ing;

7 (B) stopping grievous, massive, and irrep-
8 arable harm to the environment; or

9 (C) protecting the United States or its al-
10 lies from invasion or mass destruction;

11 (2) whether the proposed action will be—

12 (A) in response only to the underlying just
13 cause;

14 (B) proportional to the underlying just
15 cause; and

16 (C) undertaken with the intent to reestab-
17 lish peace;

18 (3) whether the presumed benefits of the pro-
19 posed action outweigh the harm done;

20 (4) whether there is a reasonable probability
21 that the proposed action will succeed; and

22 (5) whether all alternatives to military action
23 have been exhausted.

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