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To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16 (legislative day, APRIL 14), 2026

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KIM, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war
6 under article I, section 8, clause 11 of the United
7 States Constitution.

1 (2) The President has a constitutional responsi-
2 bility to take actions to defend the United States, its
3 territories, its possessions, citizens, service members,
4 and diplomats from attack.

5 (3) Congress has not declared war upon Iran or
6 any person or organization within Iran, nor enacted
7 a specific statutory authorization for the use of mili-
8 tary force within or against Iran.

9 (4) The President notified Congress on March
10 2, 2026, pursuant to the War Powers Resolution of
11 1973, of the initiation of military force against Iran
12 on February 28, 2026. The notification stated that
13 “it is not possible at this time to know the full scope
14 and duration of military operations that may be nec-
15 essary. As such, United States forces remain pos-
16 tured to take further action, as necessary and appro-
17 priate, to address further threats and attacks upon
18 the United States or its allies and partners, and en-
19 sure the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran
20 ceases being a threat to the United States, its allies,
21 and the international community.”.

22 (5) Pursuant to the War Powers Resolution (50
23 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.), the President must terminate
24 any use of United States Armed Forces within 60
25 days of providing initial notification to Congress, un-

1 less Congress has “declared war or has enacted a
2 specific authorization for such use of United States
3 Armed Forces,” has “extended by law such 60-day
4 period,” or “is physically unable to meet as a result
5 of an armed attack upon the United States,” none
6 of which has occurred with respect to the current
7 hostilities in and against Iran.

8 (6) Under the War Powers Resolution, the
9 President may extend the presence of the Armed
10 Forces for “not more than an additional 30 days if
11 the President determines and certifies to the Con-
12 gress in writing that unavoidable military necessity
13 respecting the safety of United States Armed Forces
14 requires the continued use of such armed forces in
15 the course of bringing about a prompt removal of
16 such forces”.

17 (7) The 60-day period following the President’s
18 notification to Congress on March 2, 2026, ends on
19 May 1, 2026.

20 (8) The use of military force within or against
21 Iran constitutes the introduction of United States
22 Armed Forces into hostilities within the meaning of
23 section 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50
24 U.S.C. 1543(a)).

1 (9) Section 1013 of the Department of State
 2 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
 3 U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or
 4 bill requiring the removal of United States Armed
 5 Forces from imminent engagement in hostilities
 6 without a declaration of war or specific statutory au-
 7 thorization shall be considered in accordance with
 8 the expedited procedures under section 601(b) of the
 9 International Security and Arms Export Control Act
 10 of 1976 (Public Law 94–329).

11 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
 12 **FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST**
 13 **IRAN.**

14 (a) REMOVAL.—Pursuant to section 1013 of the De-
 15 partment of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984
 16 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), and in accordance with sec-
 17 tion 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and
 18 Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–329),
 19 Congress hereby directs the President to remove the
 20 United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or
 21 against Iran, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration
 22 of war or a specific authorization for use of military force.

23 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 24 tion may be construed to prevent the United States
 25 from—

1 (1) defending against an attack on the United
2 States or its personnel or facilities in other nations;

3 (2) collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence,
4 including with the State of Israel and United States
5 partners and allies, and international organizations
6 as appropriate, related to defending against threats
7 from Iran or its proxies;

8 (3) assisting Israel and other nations—

9 (A) in taking defensive measures to protect
10 their territory from retaliatory attacks by Iran
11 or its proxies; or

12 (B) by providing defensive materiel sup-
13 port for such defensive measures; or

14 (4) providing assistance for the security, depar-
15 ture, and evacuation to United States citizens af-
16 fected by the hostilities.

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