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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

JULY 13, 2026

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. KIM, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Van Hollen) 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.

8 (2) The President has a constitutional responsi-
9 bility to take actions to defend the United States, its

1 territories, its possessions, citizens, servicemembers,
2 and diplomats from attack.

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

7 (4) On February 28, 2026, President Donald J.
8 Trump declared the start of “major combat oper-
9 ations in Iran”.

10 (5) The President did not terminate the use of
11 United States Armed Forces following 60 days as
12 required under section 5(b) of the War Powers Reso-
13 lution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)), withdraw forces from
14 the region, or seek the 30-day extension to accom-
15 plish a safe withdrawal provided for by that statute.

16 (6) On June 17, 2026, President Donald J.
17 Trump signed a memorandum of understanding with
18 the Islamic Republic of Iran as a framework to ne-
19 gotiate a final termination of the war between the
20 two countries. Since then, the United States and
21 Iran have continued to exchange fire, including Ira-
22 nian strikes against ships transiting the Strait of
23 Hormuz, Iranian strikes against United States mili-
24 tary installations within partner nations in the re-
25 gion, and multiple waves of United States strikes

1 against hundreds of Iranian targets since July 7,
2 2026.

3 (7) On June 3, 2026, the House of Representa-
4 tives passed on a bipartisan basis House Concurrent
5 Resolution 86, 119th Congress, directing the Presi-
6 dent, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers
7 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), to remove United
8 States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran,
9 which the Senate passed on a bipartisan basis on
10 June 23, 2026.

11 (8) The use of military force within or against
12 Iran since February 28, 2026, and continuing to the
13 date of introduction of this resolution constitutes the
14 introduction of United States Armed Forces into
15 hostilities within the meaning of section 4(a) of the
16 War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1543(a)).

17 (9) Section 1013 of the Department of State
18 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
19 U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or
20 bill requiring the removal of United States Armed
21 Forces from imminent engagement in hostilities
22 without a declaration of war or specific statutory au-
23 thorization shall be considered in accordance with
24 the expedited procedures under section 601(b) of the

1 International Security and Arms Export Control Act
2 of 1976 (Public Law 94–329).

3 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
4 **FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST**
5 **IRAN.**

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

15 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion may be construed to prevent the United States
17 from—

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

20 (2) collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence,
21 including with partner countries and international
22 organizations as appropriate, related to threats from
23 Iran or its proxies;

1 (3) assisting partner countries who have been
2 attacked by Iran since February 28, 2026, and other
3 nations—

4 (A) in taking defensive measures to protect
5 their territory from retaliatory attacks by Iran
6 or its proxies; or

7 (B) by providing defensive materiel sup-
8 port for such defensive measures; or

9 (4) providing assistance for the security, depar-
10 ture, and evacuation to United States citizens af-
11 fected by the hostilities.

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