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119TH CONGRESS
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S. J. RES. 98

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WELCH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KIM, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PADILLA, and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JANUARY 8 (legislative day, JANUARY 7), 2026

Committee discharged, by motion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1546a, and placed on the calendar

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

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

6 (2) Congress has not declared war upon Ven-
7 ezuela or any person or organization within or oper-
8 ating from Venezuela, nor enacted a specific statu-
9 tory authorization for use of military force within or
10 against Venezuela.

11 (3) The use of military force by the United
12 States Armed Forces within or against Venezuela
13 constitutes the introduction of United States Armed
14 Forces into hostilities within the meaning of section
15 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
16 1543(a)).

17 (4) 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 to require 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 of section 601(b) of the
25 International Security and Arms Export Control Act
26 of 1976.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF THE USE OF UNITED STATES**
2 **FORCES FOR HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR**
3 **AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

4 (a) **TERMINATION.**—Pursuant to section 1013 of the
5 Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
6 1984 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), and in accordance with
7 the provisions of section 601(b) of the International Secu-
8 rity Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976,
9 Congress hereby directs the President to terminate the use
10 of United States Armed Forces for hostilities within or
11 against Venezuela, unless explicitly authorized by a dec-
12 laration of war or specific authorization for use of military
13 force.

14 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to prevent the United States from
16 defending itself from an armed attack or threat of an im-
17 minent armed attack.

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