

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. J. RES. 58

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Government of Syria has not declared war or initiated hostilities against the United States or its allies; and

Whereas Article 1, Section 8, of the United States Constitution states that Congress shall have the power “To declare War”, “To raise and support Armies”, “To provide and maintain a Navy”, and “To make Rules for the Gov-

ernment and Regulation of the land and naval Forces”:  
Now, therefore, be it

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

3       **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4       It is the sense of Congress that—

5               (1) the American people and Congress do not  
6       support the use of the United States Armed Forces  
7       in, or directed at, Syria; and

8               (2) there are not overriding imminent national  
9       security interests of the United States at stake and  
10      Congress will not fund any military action taken in  
11      contradiction to this joint resolution.

12      **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR USE OF**  
13                               **FORCE AGAINST SYRIA.**

14      No funds available to any United States Government  
15      department or agency may be used for the use of force  
16      in, or directed at, Syria by the United States Armed  
17      Forces unless a subsequent Act of Congress specifically  
18      authorizes such use of force or there is an attack or immi-  
19      nent attack on the United States, its territories or posses-  
20      sions, or the United States Armed Forces.

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