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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the President should be commended for the
6 unwavering commitment to ensure that Iran never
7 acquires a nuclear weapon and the willingness to ex-

1 plore a peaceful path to ensure Iran remains free of
2 nuclear weapons;

3 (2) the President and the administration should
4 be commended for exhausting diplomatic means in
5 working with the P5+1 countries to reach the Joint
6 Comprehensive Plan of Action agreement with Iran
7 that will ensure Iran's civilian nuclear program fi-
8 nally becomes compliant with the International
9 Atomic Energy Agency under unprecedented new
10 regulations and highly intrusive international inspec-
11 tion without jeopardizing the capability of the
12 United States and United States allies to intervene
13 militarily if such option becomes necessary; and

14 (3) if, at any time, the President determines
15 that Iran's nuclear program becomes noncompliant
16 under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
17 agreement and poses a threat to the national secu-
18 rity of the United States, then the President should
19 work with Congress to utilize appropriate measures,
20 not limited to military intervention, to eliminate
21 such threat.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**
2 **ARMED FORCES TO DISMANTLE IRANIAN NU-**
3 **CLEAR TECHNOLOGY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
5 use the Armed Forces of the United States against Iran
6 to dismantle Iran’s nuclear infrastructure if the Presi-
7 dent—

8 (1) certifies to Congress that inspectors of the
9 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have
10 determined that Iran has failed to comply with its
11 commitments or obligations under the Joint Com-
12 prehensive Plan of Action and the President deter-
13 mines that such failure on behalf of Iran is serious
14 in nature and a threat to the national security of the
15 United States;

16 (2) certifies to Congress that the provisions of
17 the relevant United Nations Security Council resolu-
18 tions relating to the application of sanctions against
19 Iran have been re-imposed under the terms and con-
20 ditions of Article 37 of the Joint Comprehensive
21 Plan of Action as a result of such failure of Iran to
22 comply with its commitments or obligations under
23 the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; and

24 (3) provides to Congress a scope and strategy
25 for the use of the Armed Forces under the authority
26 of this section.

1 (b) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

2 (1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—

3 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
4 Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is
5 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-
6 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War
7 Powers Resolution.

8 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—Nothing in this joint resolution supersedes
10 any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORTS AND CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.**

12 (a) REPORTS.—The President shall, at least once
13 every 60 days after the date of the enactment of this joint
14 resolution, submit to Congress a report on matters rel-
15 evant to this joint resolution, including actions taken pur-
16 suant to the exercise of authority provided under section
17 2(a), including the use of lethal force and civilian casual-
18 ties, as well as plans for the redeployment of the Armed
19 Forces after actions taken pursuant to this joint resolution
20 are completed.

21 (b) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.—The Presi-
22 dent shall regularly consult with the congressional com-
23 mittees of jurisdiction on actions taken pursuant to the
24 exercise of authority provided under section 2(a).

1 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this joint resolution shall be construed to
3 interfere or violate the President’s inherent right to au-
4 thorize limited military force in self-defense pursuant to
5 the United States Constitution and the War Powers Reso-
6 lution.

7 **SEC. 5. JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION DEFINED.**

8 In this joint resolution, the term “Joint Comprehen-
9 sive Plan of Action” means the Joint Comprehensive Plan
10 of Action, signed at Vienna July 14, 2015, by Iran and
11 by the People’s Republic of China, France, Germany, the
12 Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United
13 States, with the High Representative of the European
14 Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and all im-
15 plementing materials and agreements related to the Joint
16 Comprehensive Plan of Action.

17 **SEC. 6. SUNSET.**

18 The authority granted in section 2(a) shall terminate
19 on the date that is 1 year after the date on which the
20 requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of such sec-
21 tion 2(a) have been met.

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