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Reaffirming the right for the United States to use all available options, including the use of military force, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

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Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the right for the United States to use all available options, including the use of military force, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism, poses a serious threat to the safety and security of the United States and its allies throughout the world, and regularly commits deplorable violations of human rights;

Whereas the acquisition of a nuclear weapon by Iran would pose an immediate and profound threat to the United States, Israel, and the Middle East, by enabling it to act with impunity;

Whereas the Government of Iran has called for the destruction of the State of Israel, our most important ally in the Middle East bound by historic, economic, and military ties;

Whereas Iran has provided terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah with weapons and technology used to threaten Israel and Israeli civilians as well as committed destabilizing actions in other neighboring countries;

Whereas Iran has propped up the Assad regime in Syria, which has killed more than 200,000 people through deliberate attacks on civilians and which has resulted in the worst humanitarian crisis since World War II with the displacement of roughly 12,000,000 Syrian refugees;

Whereas the acquisition of a nuclear weapon by Iran would lead to a nuclear arms race and proliferation of nuclear capabilities throughout the Middle East, undermining efforts by the international community to bring peace and stability to an already volatile part of the world;

Whereas Iran has a history of dishonesty with regards to its nuclear program;

Whereas one United States citizen has disappeared in Iran;

Whereas, on May 22, 2015, the President signed into law the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 to continue the robust role of congressional oversight of United States policy to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon;

Whereas, on July 14, 2015, Iran and the P5+1 countries of the United States, France, the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the United Kingdom, and Germany agreed to a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Ac-

tion to block Iran's path towards obtaining a nuclear weapon;

Whereas, on October 10, 2015, and November 21, 2015, Iran test-launched a medium-range ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear weapon in clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1929; and

Whereas the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which became effective on October 18, 2015, conditions financial sanctions relief on Iran's ability to comply with intrusive and transparent inspections of its nuclear program, the removal of thousands of centrifuges, the reduction of its enriched uranium stockpile, and other measures to hold Iran to account: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the right for the United States to
3 use all available options, including the use of mili-
4 tary force, to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear
5 weapon;

6 (2) reaffirms that it is the policy of the United
7 States to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear
8 weapon for the life of the Joint Comprehensive Plan
9 of Action and afterward;

10 (3) expresses its concern over the lack of clarity
11 from the Administration with regards to its response
12 in the event of minor or incremental violations by
13 Iran of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action;

14 (4) makes clear its unwavering support for
15 Israel's right to ensure its survival and to defend

1 itself from nations and non-state actors that wish to
2 do it harm;

3 (5) calls on the Administration to provide Israel
4 with military and intelligence support and coopera-
5 tion to confront new threats to Israel's security by
6 maintaining its strategic and qualitative military
7 edge through—

8 (A) transferring to the Government of
9 Israel, as appropriate and consistent with
10 United States treaty obligations, ordnance and
11 delivery systems under such terms and condi-
12 tions as the President determines necessary to
13 effectively deter conventional, unconventional,
14 and nuclear threats from Iran and ensure that
15 Israeli personnel have the opportunity and
16 means to train with such defense systems, in-
17 cluding joint training exercises;

18 (B) fulfilling the requirements of the War
19 Reserves Stock Allies-Israel pursuant to the
20 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for the pre-po-
21 sitioned storage of United States weapons in
22 emergency situations;

23 (C) supporting missile defense programs,
24 including the Iron Dome Weapon System, the

1 David's Sling Weapon System, Upper Tier In-
2 terceptor, and Arrow-3 Weapon;

3 (D) identifying and advancing collaborative
4 research between the United States and Israel
5 in the development of an anti-tunneling defense
6 system to detect, map, and destroy under-
7 ground tunnels used by Hamas, Hezbollah, and
8 other terrorist groups to threaten the lives of
9 Israeli civilians; and

10 (E) finalizing negotiations on a new 10-
11 year Memorandum of Understanding on pro-
12 viding additional foreign military financing to
13 Israel;

14 (6) calls on all United Nations member states
15 to take all necessary measures to prevent the trans-
16 fer of ballistic or cruise missile technology or tech-
17 nical assistance to Iran related to such activities;

18 (7) calls on the President to engage with Con-
19 gress and international partners to ensure that the
20 International Atomic Energy Agency receives the full
21 additional \$10,600,000 per year necessary to fulfill
22 its verification responsibilities under the Joint Com-
23 prehensive Plan of Action or any other related
24 agreement;

1 (8) supports the full funding of the Department
2 of State's Coordinator for Iran Nuclear Implementa-
3 tion to ensure thorough and effective implementation
4 of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and calls
5 for the Coordinator to regularly report to Congress
6 on the status of Iranian compliance or non-compli-
7 ance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action;

8 (9) supports the full funding of the Department
9 of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control
10 to ensure strict enforcement of sanctions against
11 Iranian actors in the areas of ballistic or cruise mis-
12 sile proliferation and terrorism and to ensure effec-
13 tive re-imposition of sanctions in the event of any
14 violation or breach of the Joint Comprehensive Plan
15 of Action;

16 (10) remains committed to confronting the Ira-
17 nian regime's destabilizing actions in the Middle
18 East through increased cooperation with United
19 States regional partners;

20 (11) demands immediate action by the Adminis-
21 tration to raise Iran's recent ballistic missile testing
22 with the United Nations Security Council and seek
23 an appropriate response for Iran's disregard for
24 complying with United Nations Security Council
25 Resolution 1929;

1 (12) calls on the Iranian Government to assist
2 in the investigation of the disappearance of United
3 States citizens within its borders;

4 (13) condemns Iran's reprehensible record of
5 human rights violations and supports the Iranian
6 people's pursuit of civil liberties;

7 (14) reaffirms that nothing in the Joint Com-
8 prehensive Plan of Action limits or curtails the abil-
9 ity of Congress to pass sanctions legislation to ad-
10 dress future Iranian terrorism activities, ballistic or
11 cruise missile development, human rights abuses, or
12 to reauthorize existing sanctions that are not lifted
13 under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action;

14 (15) strongly urges the Administration to con-
15 tinue to enforce non-nuclear sanctions, including
16 sanctions relating to human rights violations and
17 support for terrorist organizations;

18 (16) calls on the Administration to continue to
19 keep Congress regularly informed through briefings,
20 hearings, and reports about how it will work with
21 other P5+1 countries to clarify, address, and imple-
22 ment a response to any and all violations of the
23 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; and

24 (17) calls for the creation of a bipartisan Iran
25 Study Group composed of senior and expert policy-

- 1 makers to report to Congress on a broader Middle
- 2 East strategy to counter Iran and leverage more
- 3 constructive Iranian behavior.

