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Expressing the sense of the Senate on the conflict in Yemen.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 14, 2016

Reported by Mr. CORKER, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the enduring security partnership between the United States Government and the Government of Saudi Arabia has historically served to preserve the stability of the Middle East;

Whereas the United States Armed Forces provide support to the armed forces of Saudi Arabia and its coalition partners to support their military operations in Yemen, including over 700 air-to-air refueling sorties, and to assist with effectiveness and reduction of collateral damage;

Whereas the United States Government has consistently urged all sides of the conflict in Yemen to take all feasible precautions to reduce the risk of harm to civilians and to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law, which includes minimizing harm to civilians and differentiating between civilian infrastructure and military objectives; and

Whereas designated foreign terrorist organizations, including al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, which pose a grave threat to the national security of the United States, have significantly expanded the territory under their control in Yemen since the Government of Saudi Arabia began military operations in Yemen on March 26, 2015: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) all sides to the current conflict in Yemen
3 should—

4 (A) abide by international obligations to
5 protect civilians;

6 (B) facilitate the delivery of humanitarian
7 relief throughout the country; and

8 (C) respect negotiated cease-fires and work
9 toward a lasting political settlement;

10 (2) United States-supported Saudi military op-
11 erations in Yemen should—

12 (A) take all feasible precautions to reduce
13 the risk of harm to civilians and civilian objects,

1 in compliance with international humanitarian
2 law; and

3 (B) increase prioritization of targeting of
4 designated foreign terrorist organizations, in-
5 cluding al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and
6 affiliates of the Islamic State of Iraq and the
7 Levant;

8 (3) the Houthi-Saleh forces engaged in the con-
9 flict in Yemen should—

10 (A) cease indiscriminate shelling of areas
11 inhabited by civilians; and

12 (B) allow free access by humanitarian re-
13 lief organizations seeking to deliver aid to civil-
14 ian populations under siege; and

15 (4) a reconstruction and stabilization plan
16 should be developed alongside a negotiated political
17 framework, in consultation with local stakeholders
18 and with robust financing from the international
19 community, including Gulf Cooperation Council
20 countries that have previously made pledges to fund
21 Yemen's post-conflict reconstruction.

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