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Directing the President, pursuant to the War Powers Resolution, to comply with the 60-day use of force and 30-day phased withdrawal requirements regarding the use of the United States Armed Forces in Operation Epic Fury in Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK submitted 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Islamic Republic of Iran is the world's
6 largest state sponsor of terrorism and provides fi-
7 nancial and material support to foreign terrorist or-

1 organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the
2 Houthis.

3 (2) The Islamic Republic of Iran poses a direct
4 threat to the United States and is responsible for
5 the deaths of hundreds of Americans.

6 (3) The Islamic Republic of Iran has sup-
7 pressed their own people, implementing total inter-
8 net blackouts, extrajudicial killings, forced dis-
9 appearances, torture, sexual and gender-based vio-
10 lence, detention and imprisonment, criminalization
11 of libel, and restrictions on religious freedom.

12 (4) The Islamic Republic of Iran has continued
13 to amass a stockpile of enriched uranium and have
14 blocked access to their nuclear sites, according to
15 the Director General of the International Atomic
16 Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi.

17 (5) On February 28, 2026, United States Cen-
18 tral Command, joint with Israel, commenced Oper-
19 ation Epic Fury at the direction of the President of
20 the United States, and included the launching of air-
21 strikes on Iran, targeting military and governments
22 sites, and the assassination of Supreme Leader Ali
23 Khamenei, as well as other Iranian Officials.

1 (6) Operation Epic Fury has since led to retal-
2 iatory attacks by Iran and their proxies against
3 Israel, and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

4 (7) Since the start of Operation Epic Fury, 13
5 United States service members have been killed, and
6 381 have been wounded, according to United States
7 Central Command.

8 (8) Under article I, section 8 of the Constitu-
9 tion, Congress holds the sole power to declare war,
10 and the 1973 War Powers Resolution limits the
11 President's ability to initiate military action without
12 authorization, requiring troop withdrawal within 60
13 days unless Congress authorizes continued engage-
14 ment.

15 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

16 (a) **TERMINATION REQUIRED.**—Consistent with re-
17 quirements of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution
18 (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)), not later than 60 days (subject to
19 subsection (b)) after the commencement of Operation Epic
20 Fury, the President shall terminate the use of military
21 forces regarding this operation in Iran and shall withdraw
22 the Armed Forces from Iran in accordance with section
23 2 not later than 30 days thereafter.

24 (b) **TOLLING OF TIME PERIOD.**—Any day that is on
25 or after the commencement of Operation Epic Fury dur-

1 ing which the United States engages in cease-fire negotia-
2 tions with the Government of Iran or has entered into a
3 negotiated cease-fire shall not count as one of the 60 days
4 described in subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 3. PHASED WITHDRAWAL.**

6 Pursuant to section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolu-
7 tion (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)) and unless otherwise explicitly
8 authorized by a declaration of war or a specific congres-
9 sional authorization for use of military force against Iran,
10 Congress directs the President to begin the phased re-
11 moval of the Armed Forces from Iran, other than those
12 elements of the Armed Forces that may be necessary to
13 defend the United States or an ally or partner of the
14 United States from imminent attack, or prevent the pro-
15 curement of a nuclear weapon, to the extent that the
16 President complies fully with the requirements of section
17 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b))
18 with respect to any such use of the Armed Forces.

19 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING INTEL-**
20 **LIGENCE SHARING.**

21 Nothing in this joint resolution may be construed to
22 influence or disrupt any intelligence, counterintelligence,
23 or investigative activities relating to threats in or ema-
24 nating from Iran conducted by, or in conjunction with, the
25 United States Government involving—

- 1 (1) the collection of intelligence;
- 2 (2) the analysis of intelligence; or
- 3 (3) the sharing of intelligence between the
- 4 United States and any coalition partner if the Presi-
- 5 dent determines such sharing is appropriate and in
- 6 the national security interests of the United States.

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