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To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

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 makes the following findings:

5 (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war
6 under article I, section 8, clause 11 of the United
7 States Constitution.

8 (2) The President has a constitutional responsi-
9 bility to take actions to defend the United States, its

1 territories, its possessions, citizens, service members,
2 and diplomats from attack.

3 (3) Congress has not declared war upon Iran or
4 any person or organization within Iran, nor enacted
5 a specific statutory authorization for the use of mili-
6 tary force within or against Iran.

7 (4) On February 28, 2026, the Trump adminis-
8 tration launched Operation Epic Fury, deploying the
9 United States military as part of an ongoing and
10 wide-reaching military campaign against the Govern-
11 ment of Iran.

12 (5) The use of military force within or against
13 Iran constitutes the introduction of United States
14 Armed Forces into hostilities within the meaning of
15 section 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50
16 U.S.C. 1543(a)).

17 (6) Section 1013 of the Department of State
18 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
19 U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or
20 bill requiring the removal of United States Armed
21 Forces from imminent engagement in hostilities
22 without a declaration of war or specific statutory au-
23 thorization shall be considered in accordance with
24 the expedited procedures under section 601(b) of the

1 International Security and Arms Export Control Act
2 of 1976 (Public Law 94–329).

3 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
4 **FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST**
5 **IRAN.**

6 (a) REMOVAL.—Pursuant to section 1013 of the De-
7 partment of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984
8 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), and in accordance with sec-
9 tion 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and
10 Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–329),
11 Congress hereby directs the President to remove the
12 United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or
13 against Iran, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration
14 of war or a specific authorization for use of military force.

15 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion may be construed to prevent the United States
17 from—

18 (1) defending against an attack on the United
19 States or its personnel or facilities in other nations;

20 (2) collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence,
21 including with partner countries who have been at-
22 tacked by Iran since February 28, 2026, and other
23 nations and international organizations as appro-
24 priate, related to defense from threats from Iran or
25 its proxies; or

1 (3) assisting partner countries who have been
2 attacked by Iran since February 28, 2026, and other
3 nations—

4 (A) in intercepting retaliatory attacks upon
5 their territory by Iran or its proxies; or

6 (B) by providing defensive materiel sup-
7 port for such defensive measures.

8 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING NO AU-
9 THORIZATION FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.—Con-
10 sistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution
11 (50 U.S.C. 1547(a)(1)), nothing in this joint resolution
12 may be construed as authorizing the use of military force.

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