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To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against al Qaeda, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and the Afghan Taliban.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Consoli-
5 dated Authorization for Use of Military Force Resolution
6 of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF FORCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
3 use all necessary and appropriate force against the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (1) Al Qaeda, the Islamic State of Iraq and the
6 Levant (ISIL), and the Afghan Taliban.

7 (2) Any organized and armed group that is as-
8 sociated with an entity described in paragraph (1) if
9 such group is a co-belligerent with such entity in
10 hostilities against the United States.

11 (b) SUNSET CLAUSE.—The authority granted in sub-
12 section (a) shall terminate on the date that is 3 years after
13 the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

14 (c) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

15 (1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—
16 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
17 Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is
18 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-
19 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War
20 Powers Resolution.

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

24 **SEC. 3. REPORTING AND NOTIFICATIONS.**

25 (a) REPORTS PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RESOLU-
26 TION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—At least once every 90 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this joint resolu-
3 tion, the President shall submit to the appropriate
4 congressional committees and publish in the Federal
5 Register a list of entities and organized and armed
6 groups against which such authority has been exer-
7 cised and the geographic location where such author-
8 ity has been exercised.

9 (2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In the case in
10 which the authority granted in section 2(a) has been
11 exercised against an organized and armed group de-
12 scribed in paragraph (2) of such section, the Presi-
13 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional
14 committees a summary of the factual predicate for
15 concluding that such group meets the requirements
16 of paragraph (2) of such section.

17 (3) FORM.—Any part of the list required by
18 paragraph (1) or the additional information required
19 by paragraph (2) may be submitted in classified
20 form if the President determines it is in national se-
21 curity interests of the United States to do so.

22 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The requirement to
23 submit reports under subsection (a) is in addition to all
24 other applicable reporting requirements under the War
25 Powers Resolution or any other provision of law.

1 (c) NOTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO USE OF AU-
2 THORITY TO DEPLOY GROUND FORCES IN A COMBAT
3 ROLE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the President exercises
5 the authority granted in section 2(a) to deploy
6 ground forces in a combat role against an entity or
7 organized and armed group, the President shall no-
8 tify appropriate congressional committees at the ear-
9 liest possible date after such deployment consistent
10 with the national security interests of the United
11 States.

12 (2) MODIFICATION OR REPEAL OF AUTHOR-
13 ITY.—A joint resolution introduced in the House of
14 Representatives or the Senate on or after the date
15 on which the appropriate congressional committees
16 receive a notification from the President pursuant to
17 paragraph (1) that provides for the modification or
18 repeal of the authority provided in section 2(a) with
19 respect to the deployment of ground forces in a com-
20 bat role as described in such notification shall be
21 considered in accordance with the procedures de-
22 scribed in section 6 of the War Powers Resolution
23 that are applicable to a joint resolution or bill intro-
24 duced pursuant to section 5(b) of the War Powers
25 Resolution.

1 (3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
2 section, “ground forces in a combat role” does not
3 include special operations forces or other forces that
4 may be deployed for purposes of training, advisory
5 roles, search and rescue, intelligence gathering,
6 ground support for air operations, or limited dura-
7 tion actions against high value targets.

8 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
9 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
10 gressional committees” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent
13 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
14 Representatives; and

15 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
17 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

18 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF**
19 **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

20 The following provisions of law are hereby repealed:

21 (1) The Authorization for Use of Military Force
22 Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–
23 243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note).

24 (2) The Authorization for Use Military Force
25 (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note).