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H. CON. RES. _____

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Lebanon that have not been authorized by Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TLAIB submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Lebanon that have not been authorized by Congress.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
4 **FROM HOSTILITIES IN LEBANON THAT HAVE**
5 **NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war
2 under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

3 (2) Section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution
4 (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)) states that, “The constitutional
5 powers of the President as Commander-in-Chief to
6 introduce United States Armed Forces into hos-
7 tilities, or into situations where imminent involve-
8 ment in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-
9 cumstances, are exercised only pursuant to (1) a
10 declaration of war, (2) specific statutory authoriza-
11 tion, or (3) a national emergency created by attack
12 upon the United States, its territories or posses-
13 sions, or its armed forces.”.

14 (3) Congress has not declared war with respect
15 to, or provided any specific statutory authorization
16 for, United States military participation in the mili-
17 tary action by Israel in Lebanon, and the United
18 States has not designated any actor inside Lebanon
19 under any authorization for use of military force.

20 (4) Section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution
21 (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)) states that, “at any time that
22 United States Armed Forces are engaged in hos-
23 tilities outside the territory of the United States, its
24 possessions and territories without a declaration of
25 war or specific statutory authorization, such forces

1 shall be removed by the President if the Congress so
2 directs by concurrent resolution”.

3 (5) Section 8(c) of the War Powers Resolution
4 (50 U.S.C. 1547(c)) defines the introduction of
5 United States Armed Forces to include “the assign-
6 ment of members of such armed forces to command,
7 coordinate, participate in the movement of, or ac-
8 company the regular or irregular military forces of
9 any foreign country or government when such mili-
10 tary forces are engaged, or there exists an imminent
11 threat that such forces will become engaged, in hos-
12 tilities”, and activities that the members of the
13 United States Armed Forces have conducted in sup-
14 port of Israel’s air campaign in Lebanon fall within
15 this definition.

16 (6) No specific statutory authorization for the
17 use of United States Armed Forces with respect to
18 the military action by Israel in Lebanon has been
19 enacted, and no provision of law explicitly authorizes
20 the assignment of United States Armed Forces to
21 command, coordinate, participate in the movement
22 of, or accompany the regular or irregular military
23 forces of Israel in hostilities within Lebanon’s bor-
24 ders.

1 (b) REMOVAL OF ARMED FORCES.—Pursuant to sec-
2 tion 5(e) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
3 1544(c)), Congress hereby directs the President to remove
4 United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Lebanon
5 not later than 7 days after the date of the adoption of
6 this concurrent resolution unless and until a declaration
7 of war or specific authorization for such use of the United
8 States Armed Forces has been enacted into law.