

H. J. Res. 1

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Arthur_Chen for the Commonwealth of Virginia (for himself) submitted the following joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against officers of the United States and the State of Israel.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, on October 16th, 2024, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force were attacked while visiting the Erez Crossing by terrorist cells;

Whereas, terrorist groups including the Brigade of the Martyr Abu Azrael (BMAA) and other insurgent extremist groups pose an ongoing threat in the region, including to the State of Israel;

Whereas, such attacks on the highest leaders of the United States Department of Defense render it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad;

Whereas, the President has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.

SEC. 1—SHORT TITLE.

- (a) This joint resolution may be cited as the
“Authorization for Use of Military Force”

SEC. 2—AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

(a) That the President and the Secretary of Defense are authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons they determine planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occur at or near the Erez Crossing, State of Israel, or continue to aid and harbor such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.

(b) War Powers Resolution Requirements.--

(i) Specific statutory authorization.--Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution.

(ii) Applicability of other requirements.--Nothing in this resolution supercedes any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.