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Expressing the sense of Congress that Libya's frozen assets be utilized to pay for NATO's military campaign.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Libya's frozen assets be utilized to pay for NATO's military campaign.

Whereas, on February 25, 2011, President Barack Obama imposed unilateral economic sanctions on, and froze the assets of, Muammar Qaddafi and his family, as well as the Government of Libya and its agencies to hold the Qaddafi regime accountable for its continued use of violence against unarmed civilians and its human rights abuses and to safeguard the assets of the people of Libya;

Whereas, on February 26, 2011, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1970, which mandates international economic sanctions and an arms embargo;

Whereas, on March 17, 2011, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1973, which mandates "all

necessary measures” to protect civilians in Libya, implement a “no-fly zone”, and enforce an arms embargo against the Qaddafi regime;

Whereas the United States Armed Forces, together with coalition partners, launched Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya on March 19, 2011, to protect civilians in Libya from immediate danger and to enforce an arms embargo and a “no-fly zone”;

Whereas, on March 31, 2011, the United States transferred authority for Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya to NATO command, with the mission continuing as Operation Unified Protector;

Whereas the United States Armed Forces have continued to support the NATO mission with intelligence, logistical support, search and rescue assistance, air defense suppression, and drone strikes;

Whereas, on July 15, 2011, the United States granted Libyan rebel leaders with the Transitional National Council full diplomatic recognition as the governing authority of Libya, giving them access to some of the Libyan regime’s frozen assets;

Whereas the engagement in Libya continues to cost American taxpayers millions of dollars every day, and has already exceeded well over \$1,000,000,000; and

Whereas the amount of the Qaddafi regime’s frozen assets is estimated to exceed \$30,000,000,000: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
3 funds of the regime of Muammar Qaddafi that have been

1 frozen by the United States should be returned to the peo-
2 ple of Libya for their benefit, including humanitarian and
3 reconstruction assistance, and the President should ex-
4 plore the possibility with the Transitional National Coun-
5 cil of using some of such funds to reimburse NATO coun-
6 tries for expenses incurred in Operation Odyssey Dawn
7 and Operation Unified Protector.

