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H. J. RES. 74

Authorizing the limited use of the United States Armed Forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. BERMAN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LIMITED USE OF**
4 **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN LIBYA.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The President is authorized to con-
6 tinue the limited use of the United States Armed Forces
7 in Libya, in support of United States national security pol-
8 icy interests, as part of the NATO mission to enforce

1 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973 (2011)
2 as requested by the Transitional National Council, the
3 Gulf Cooperation Council, and the Arab League.

4 (b) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authorization
5 for such limited use of United States Armed Forces in
6 Libya expires on the date on which the NATO mission
7 described in subsection (a) ends or 180 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this joint resolution, whichever occurs
9 first.

10 (c) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—Con-
11 sistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution,
12 Congress declares that this section is intended to con-
13 stitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning
14 of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution.

15 **SEC. 2. OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF UNITED STATES**
16 **GROUND TROOPS.**

17 The President is not authorized to deploy, establish,
18 or maintain the presence of units of the United States
19 Armed Forces on the ground in Libya under section 1 un-
20 less the purpose of the presence is limited to—

21 (1) the immediate personal defense or rescue of
22 United States Government personnel (including dip-
23 lomatic representatives);

24 (2) rescuing members of NATO forces from im-
25 minent danger; or

1 (3) the provision of humanitarian aid or assist-
2 ance to the people of Libya.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

4 The President shall consult frequently with Congress
5 regarding United States efforts in Libya, including by pro-
6 viding regular briefings and reports as requested, and re-
7 sponding to inquiries promptly. Such briefings and reports
8 shall include the following elements:

9 (1) An updated description of United States na-
10 tional security interests in Libya.

11 (2) An updated statement of United States pol-
12 icy objectives in Libya, both during and after
13 Qaddafi's rule, and a detailed plan to achieve them.

14 (3) An updated and comprehensive list of the
15 activities of the United States Armed Forces in
16 Libya.

17 (4) An updated and detailed assessment of the
18 groups in Libya that are opposed to the Qaddafi re-
19 gime, including potential successor governments.

20 (5) A full and updated explanation of the Presi-
21 dent's legal and constitutional rationale for con-
22 ducting military operations in Libya consistent with
23 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et
24 seq.).

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