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Condemning military aggression and use of force by the Chinese Coast Guard against peaceful foreign vessels that purportedly violate the unlawful maritime sovereignty of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. HAWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning military aggression and use of force by the Chinese Coast Guard against peaceful foreign vessels that purportedly violate the unlawful maritime sovereignty of China.

Whereas the National People's Congress of China passed the Coast Guard Law of the People's Republic of China on January 22, 2021, for the alleged purposes of defending the national sovereignty, security, and maritime rights and interests of China;

Whereas the Coast Guard Law of the People's Republic of China applies to activities in the "jurisdictional waters" of China, a term that is neither defined nor drafted in accordance with international law;

Whereas 6 countries lay overlapping claims to the South China Sea, an area known to be rich in oil, gas, and natural resources and by which \$3,400,000,000,000 in commerce transits through;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has made claims to the South China Sea by means of a "nine-dash line" that is not based on legitimate evidence and nor legal or historical precedent;

Whereas United States Navy and United States Coast Guard ships conduct freedom of navigation operations throughout the South China Sea, challenging excessive and illegal maritime claims; and

Whereas the United States will not tolerate a threat from the People's Republic of China for its extension of power in waters far beyond its legitimate territorial sea boundaries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns exertion of illegitimate authoriza-
3 tion for Chinese Coast Guard military aggression by
4 the People's Republic of China against foreign ves-
5 sels;

6 (2) condemns the unlawful claims by the Gov-
7 ernment of the People's Republic of China to the
8 South China Sea;

9 (3) applauds the United States Navy and the
10 United States Coast Guard for their continued ef-
11 forts to conduct freedom of navigation operations in
12 order to assert international rights to freedom of

1 navigation and uphold a free and open international
2 order that promotes security and prosperity;

3 (4) calls on all nations to condemn the exertion
4 of power by People's Republic of China that threat-
5 ens rules-based order and international law;

6 (5) calls on all nations to join and condemn un-
7 lawful claims by the Government of the People's Re-
8 public of China and stand with Southeast Asian al-
9 lies and partners in protecting their sovereign rights
10 to offshore resources; and

11 (6) encourages all nations to condemn and
12 stand together against attempts by the Government
13 of the People's Republic of China to impose its will
14 on other countries.

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