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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 123

To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. ROSS, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. GOWDY, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Whereas the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has committed acts of terrorism and crimes against humanity and continues to train and equip jihadists to further commit humanitarian atrocities in the region;

Whereas ISIL jihadists have directly threatened the United States and its allies;

Whereas ISIL poses a direct threat to United States personnel in Iraq and to the immediate security and stability of the Middle East region;

Whereas, on August 8, 2014, United States Armed Forces conducted airstrikes in Iraq as authorized by the Presi-

dent, consistent with the requirements of the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93–148);

Whereas the War Powers Resolution requires the President to obtain congressional authorization for the continued use of United States Armed Forces after the limitations specified in section 5(b) of such Resolution have been met;

Whereas Congress, in order to determine the actions necessary and appropriate to protect the national security interests of the United States, must receive a strategic outlook on the role of United States Armed Forces in combating ISIL;

Whereas the President has authority under the Constitution to take action in order to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States, as Congress recognized in the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40); and

Whereas it is in the national security interest of the United States to restore international peace and security to the Middle East region: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*

2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This joint resolution may be cited as the “Authoriza-  
5 tion for the Use of Military Force Against the Islamic  
6 State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR LIMITED USE OF UNITED**  
2 **STATES ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President is authorized to  
4 use the Armed Forces of the United States as the Presi-  
5 dent determines to be necessary and appropriate in order  
6 to defend the national security of the United States  
7 against the continuing threat posed by the Islamic State  
8 of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

9 (b) TERMINATION.—The authority of subsection (a)  
10 shall terminate at the close of the date that is 120 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

12 (c) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—  
14 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers  
15 Resolution, Congress declares that this section is in-  
16 tended to constitute specific statutory authorization  
17 within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Pow-  
18 ers Resolution.

19 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-  
20 MENTS.—Nothing in this joint resolution supersedes  
21 any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

22 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF**  
23 **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

24 The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against  
25 Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C.  
26 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) REPORT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this joint resolution,  
5 the President shall submit to the Speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives, the President pro tempore  
7 of the Senate, and the committees of Congress speci-  
8 fied in subsection (c) a report on the following:

9 (A) The status of all actions taken pursu-  
10 ant to the exercise of the authority under sec-  
11 tion 2.

12 (B) A description of all proposed actions  
13 that the President determines may be necessary  
14 and appropriate to combat the Islamic State of  
15 Iraq and the Levant’s (ISIL) threats to the  
16 United States and Middle East region.

17 (C) The status of engagement of allies of  
18 the United States and international coalitions  
19 in combating ISIL’s threats.

20 (2) CONSOLIDATION.—To the extent that the  
21 submission of any report described in this subsection  
22 coincides with the submission of any other report on  
23 matters relevant to this joint resolution otherwise re-  
24 quired to be submitted to Congress pursuant to the  
25 reporting requirements of the War Powers Resolu-  
26 tion, all such reports may be submitted as a single

1 consolidated report to the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives, the President pro tempore of the  
3 Senate, and the committees of Congress specified in  
4 subsection (c).

5 (b) BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Not later than 60 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution,  
7 the President shall submit to the Speaker of the House  
8 of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Sen-  
9 ate, and the committees of Congress specified in sub-  
10 section (c) the estimated budgetary effects of actions pro-  
11 posed under the reporting requirements of subsection (a).

12 (c) COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The committees of  
13 Congress specified in this subsection are—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
15 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
16 on Oversight and Government Reform of the House  
17 of Representatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the  
19 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
20 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of  
21 the Senate.

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