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Affirming the vital importance to the United States and its allies and partners of actions necessary to preserve peace, security, and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MILLS, Mr. LUTTRELL, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Affirming the vital importance to the United States and its allies and partners of actions necessary to preserve peace, security, and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

Whereas the Iranian-backed Houthis, have launched more than 45 attacks on ships in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden since November 19, 2023;

Whereas the Red Sea is a vital artery for trade and commerce, accounting for nearly 15 percent of the world's maritime traffic;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Hezbollah proxies are actively threatening regional and global stability by providing funding, training and advance missiles and drones, and other forms of support to the Houthis;

Whereas this support has enabled the Houthis to attack commercial shipping vessels in the Gulf of Aden region;

Whereas the United States and its allies and regional partners have engaged in extensive activities to secure maritime freedom in the Gulf of Aden;

Whereas, on January 11, 2024, 2 United States Navy SEALs were killed in action during an operation to seize Iranian weapons bound for the Houthis;

Whereas the Iran-backed Houthis' continued attacks on United States and allied interests in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region is having a significant economic impact, including increased shipping costs and shipping delays;

Whereas the United States and its allies have demonstrated their commitment to supporting freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden; and

Whereas the free flow of trade through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region is of vital interests to the United States and the global economy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) it is the sense of Congress that—

4 (A) United States forces in the Gulf of
5 Aden and Red Sea should take actions nec-
6 essary to restore deterrence against threats to

1 safeguard the safety and security of the inter-
2 ests of the United States;

3 (B) the President should continue to con-
4 sult to the maximum extent practicable with the
5 leadership of Congress in advance of author-
6 izing military responses to attacks on United
7 States forces and interests resulting from the
8 situation in the gulf; and

9 (C) the President should report to Con-
10 gress in a timely manner on incidents involving
11 the United States forces in the region;

12 (2) Congress supports the President's decision
13 to designate the Houthis as a specially designated
14 global terrorist group and urges the Secretary of
15 State to designate the Houthis as a foreign terrorist
16 organization; and

17 (3) Congress declares its support for protecting
18 freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aden and Red
19 Sea including through initiatives involving coopera-
20 tion with United States allies and partners, and ap-
21 propriate actions to combat the threat posed by
22 Iran-backed terrorism.

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