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# H. J. RES. 118

Authorizing the use of United States Armed Forces against al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and any associated persons engaged in hostilities against the United States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BACON, and Mr. PANETTA) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Authoriza-

5 tion for Use of Military Force Against al-Qaeda, the

6 Taliban, and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF UNITED STATES**  
2 **ARMED FORCES TO PREVENT FUTURE ACTS**  
3 **OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST**  
4 **THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—For the five-year period be-  
6 ginning on the date of the enactment of this joint resolu-  
7 tion, the President is authorized to use all necessary and  
8 appropriate force against any person described in sub-  
9 section (b) in order to prevent any future acts of inter-  
10 national terrorism against the United States by such per-  
11 son.

12 (b) **PERSONS DESCRIBED.**—The persons described in  
13 this subsection are the following:

14 (1) Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the Islamic  
15 State of Iraq and the Levant.

16 (2) Any person, other than a sovereign nation,  
17 that is a part of, or substantially supports, one or  
18 more of the persons described under paragraph (1),  
19 and has engaged in hostilities against the United  
20 States, the United States Armed Forces, or civilian  
21 personnel supporting such Armed Forces.

22 (c) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.**—

23 (1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.**—  
24 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers  
25 Resolution, Congress declares that this section is in-  
26 tended to constitute specific statutory authorization

1 within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Pow-  
2 ers Resolution.

3 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-  
4 MENTS.—Nothing in this section supercedes any re-  
5 quirement of the War Powers Resolution.

6 **SEC. 3. REPORT REQUIRED.**

7 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this joint resolution, and every 90 days thereafter  
9 for the following five years, the President shall submit to  
10 Congress a report describing any actions taken pursuant  
11 to the authorization under section 3.

12 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS.**

13 (a) REPEAL OF 2001 AUTHORIZATION.—The Author-  
14 ization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50  
15 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

16 (b) REPEAL OF 2002 AUTHORIZATION.—The Au-  
17 thorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolu-  
18 tion of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note)  
19 is hereby repealed.

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