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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. HASTINGS of Florida 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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Forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya.

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
9 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973 (2011)

1 as requested by the Transitional National Council, the
2 Gulf Cooperation Council, and the Arab League.

3 (b) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authorization
4 for such limited use of United States Armed Forces in
5 Libya expires one year after the date of the enactment
6 of this joint resolution.

7 **SEC. 2. OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF UNITED STATES**
8 **GROUND TROOPS.**

9 Consistent with the policy and statements of the
10 President, Congress does not support deploying, estab-
11 lishing, or maintaining the presence of units and members
12 of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in Libya
13 unless the purpose of the presence is limited to the imme-
14 diate personal defense of United States Government offi-
15 cials (including diplomatic representatives) or to rescuing
16 members of NATO forces from imminent danger.

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

18 The President shall consult frequently with Congress
19 regarding United States efforts in Libya, including by pro-
20 viding regular briefings and reports as requested, and re-
21 sponding to inquiries promptly. Such briefings and reports
22 shall include the following elements:

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

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

4 (3) An updated and comprehensive list of the
5 activities of the United States Armed Forces in
6 Libya.

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

10 (5) A full and updated explanation of the Presi-
11 dent's legal and constitutional rationale for con-
12 ducting military operations in Libya consistent with
13 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et
14 seq.).

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