

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States.

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, acts of treacherous violence were committed against the United States and its citizens; and

Whereas, such acts render it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, in light of the threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by these grave acts of violence; and

Whereas, such acts continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States; and

Whereas, the President has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Authoriza-
3 tion for Use of Military Force”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—That the President is authorized
7 to use all necessary and appropriate force against those
8 nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned,
9 authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that
10 occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organi-
11 zations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of
12 international terrorism against the United States by such
13 nations, organizations or persons.

14 (b) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.**—

15 (1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.**—
16 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
17 Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is
18 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-
19 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War
20 Powers Resolution.

1 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—Nothing in this resolution supercedes any
3 requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

Passed the Senate September 14, 2001.

Attest:

Secretary.

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