

119TH CONGRESS
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S. J. RES. _____

To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within
or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SCHIFF) intro-
duced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

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hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been
authorized by Congress.

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

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war
6 under article I, section 8, clause 11 of the United
7 States Constitution.

8 (2) Congress has not declared war upon Ven-
9 ezuela or any person or organization within or oper-

1 ating from Venezuela, nor enacted a specific statu-
2 tory authorization for use of military force within or
3 against Venezuela.

4 (3) The use of military force by the United
5 States Armed Forces within or against Venezuela
6 constitutes the introduction of United States Armed
7 Forces into hostilities within the meaning of section
8 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
9 1543(a)).

10 (4) Section 1013 of the Department of State
11 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
12 U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or
13 bill to require the removal of United States Armed
14 Forces from imminent engagement in hostilities
15 without a declaration of war or specific statutory au-
16 thorization shall be considered in accordance with
17 the expedited procedures of section 601(b) of the
18 International Security and Arms Export Control Act
19 of 1976.

20 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF THE USE OF UNITED STATES**
21 **FORCES FOR HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR**
22 **AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

23 (a) TERMINATION.—Pursuant to section 1013 of the
24 Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
25 1984 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), and in accordance with

1 the provisions of section 601(b) of the International Secu-
2 rity Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976,
3 Congress hereby directs the President to terminate the use
4 of United States Armed Forces for hostilities within or
5 against Venezuela, unless explicitly authorized by a dec-
6 laration of war or specific authorization for use of military
7 force.

8 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
9 tion shall be construed to prevent the United States from
10 defending itself from an armed attack or threat of an im-
11 minent armed attack.