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JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting the actions taken by the President with respect to Iraqi aggression against Kuwait.

Whereas the armed forces of Iraq have invaded and occupied the territory of Kuwait, have taken large numbers of innocent hostages, and have disregarded the rights of diplomats, all in clear violation of international law and norms of international conduct;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has condemned these actions as blatantly unlawful, has imposed mandatory economic sanctions designed to compel Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, and has called on states to take all appropriate measures to ensure that these sanctions are enforced;

Whereas the President, in response to requests from governments in the region, and in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defense, has deployed U.S. Armed Forces into the Persian Gulf area to deter further aggression, to protect American lives, to assist in enforcement of sanctions, and to defend friendly states in the region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the Congress strongly supports the immediate goals and policies outlined by the President: (1) the immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from Kuwait as mandated in United Nations Security Council Resolution 660; (2) the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate government; (3) the protection of the lives of American citizens held hostage by Iraq, both in Iraq and in Kuwait; and (4) a commitment to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf.

SEC. 2. The Congress strongly supports the actions taken by the President in support of these goals and policies, including the involvement of the United Nations and of other friendly governments, and authorizes the President to implement any measures directed or authorized by the United Nations Security Council. The Congress urges continued use by the President of diplomacy and economic sanctions as the preferred means of dealing with Iraqi aggression, and of protecting American lives and vital interests in the region.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting the actions taken by the President with respect to Iraqi aggression against Kuwait.

Whereas on the night of August 3, 1990, the government of Iraq without provocation invaded and occupied the territory of Kuwait, and has taken large numbers of innocent hostages and disregarded the rights of diplomats, all in clear violation of international law and the norms of international conduct;

Whereas the President condemned this unprovoked and naked aggression by Iraq and undertook a series of actions, including imposing comprehensive economic sanctions on Iraq and freezing Iraqi and Kuwaiti assets in the United States;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council in a series of five unanimously approved resolutions condemned these actions as blatantly unlawful, imposed mandatory economic sanctions designed to compel Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, called on all states to take appropriate measures to ensure that these sanctions are enforced, called for the immediate release of all hostages, and reaffirmed the right of individual and collective self-defense in this situation;

Whereas the President, in response to requests from governments in the region, and in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defense, has deployed U.S. Armed Forces into the Persian Gulf area as part of a multilateral force that includes NATO, Arab, and non-aligned states to deal with this armed aggression, to protect American lives, to assist in enforcement of sanctions, and to defend friendly states in the region; and whereas these actions have thus far deterred Iraq from initiating hostilities against other friendly states in the region or against US forces:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,
That the Congress strongly commends the President for his decisive international leadership in responding to this aggression;

SEC. 2. The Congress strongly supports the policy goals outlined by the President and embodied in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 660, 661, 662, 663 and 665: (1) the immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from Kuwait; (2) the restoration of Kuwait's legitimate government; (3) the protection of the lives of American citizens held hostage by Iraq, both in Iraq and in Kuwait; and (4) a commitment to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf.

SEC. 3. The Congress strongly supports the actions being taken by the President in support of these goals, including the involvement of the United Nations and of friendly governments. The Congress urges continued action by the President, including support of the decisions of the United Nations Security Council, to deal with Iraqi aggression and to protect American lives and vital interests in the region.

SEC. 4. The Congress calls on all nations to strengthen the enforcement of the United Nations imposed sanctions against Iraq, to provide assistance for those adversely affected by enforcement of the sanctions, and to provide assistance to refugees fleeing Kuwait and Iraq.

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