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Declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and any entity determined by the President to have planned, carried out, or otherwise supported the attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and authorizing the President to use United States Armed Forces and all other necessary resources of the United States Government against any such entity in order to bring the conflict to a successful termination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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,*
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4 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked
7 and destroyed 4 civilian aircraft, crashing 2 of them
8 into the towers of the World Trade Center in New
9 York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside
10 Washington, D.C.

11 (2) Thousands of innocent Americans were
12 killed and injured as a result of these attacks, in-
13 cluding the passengers and crew of the 4 aircraft,
14 workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pen-
15 tagon, rescue workers, and bystanders.

16 (3) These attacks destroyed both towers of the
17 World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings,
18 and seriously damaged the Pentagon.

19 (4) These attacks were by far the deadliest ter-
20 rorist attacks ever launched against the United
21 States, and, by targeting symbols of American
22 strength and success, clearly were intended to in-
23 timidate our Nation and weaken its resolve.

1 (5) Article I, section 8, of the United States
2 Constitution vests in Congress the power to declare
3 war.

4 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF WAR.**

5 Congress hereby declares that a state of war exists
6 between the United States of America and any entity de-
7 termined by the President to have planned, carried out,
8 or otherwise supported the attacks against the United
9 States on September 11, 2001.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF ARMED FORCES.**

11 The President is authorized to use United States
12 Armed Forces and all other necessary resources of the
13 United States Government against any entity determined
14 by the President to have planned, carried out, or otherwise
15 supported the attacks against the United States on Sep-
16 tember 11, 2001, in order to bring the conflict to a suc-
17 cessful termination.

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