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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the original authorization for use of force against Iraq contained in Public Law 107–243 is outdated and Congress should vote on a new use of force resolution that reflects the current situation in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the original authorization for use of force against Iraq contained in Public Law 107–243 is outdated and Congress should vote on a new use of force resolution that reflects the current situation in Iraq.

Whereas the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, were carried out by members of al-Qaeda, an international terrorist organization;

Whereas, shortly after the 9–11 terrorist attacks, President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, and others in the executive branch began talking of and planning for war with Iraq;

Whereas President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, and others in the executive branch used multiple reasons to justify the war with Iraq, including an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, ties to al-Qaeda, and harboring members of al-Qaeda;

Whereas, in October 2002, the 107th Congress passed H.J. Res. 114, which became Public Law 107–243, authorizing the use of force against Iraq, stating that “Iraq both poses a continuing threat to the national security of the United States . . . by, among other things, continuing to possess and develop a significant chemical and biological weapons capability, actively seeking a nuclear weapons capability, and supporting and harboring terrorist organizations”;

Whereas with the authorization provided for by Public Law 107–243, the United States went to war with Iraq on March 19, 2003;

Whereas the government of Saddam Hussein fell in April 2003 due to the military action of the United States;

Whereas it is clear that none of the justifications for going to war with Iraq were accurate;

Whereas many of the provisions of Public Law 107–243, which were based on the erroneous claims, were also false;

Whereas since the invasion of Iraq by the United States, Iraq has descended into civil war, resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Iraqis; and

Whereas the terms of Public Law 107–243 are no longer applicable to the current military action in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the original authorization for use of force
4 against Iraq contained in Public Law 107–243 is
5 outdated; and

6 (2) Congress should vote on a new use of force
7 resolution that reflects the current situation in Iraq.

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