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To authorize the use of force against those nations, organizations, or persons responsible for the attack against United States personnel in Benghazi, Libya.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. HARPER, Mr. COOK, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HALL, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To authorize the use of force against those nations, organizations, or persons responsible for the attack against United States personnel in Benghazi, Libya.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On April 6, 2012, an improvised explosive
6 device was thrown over the fence of the United
7 States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

1 (2) On May 1, 2012, the British Embassy in
2 Tripoli, Libya, was attacked by a violent mob and
3 set on fire while the embassies of other NATO mem-
4 ber countries were attacked as well.

5 (3) On May 22, 2012, two rocket-propelled gre-
6 nades were fired at the Benghazi office of the Inter-
7 national Committee of the Red Cross, less than one
8 mile from the United States Consulate.

9 (4) On June 6, 2012, a large improvised explo-
10 sive device destroyed part of the security perimeter
11 of the United States Consulate in Benghazi.

12 (5) On June 10, 2012, a car carrying the Brit-
13 ish ambassador was attacked in Tripoli.

14 (6) On September 11, 2012, the United States
15 Consulate in Benghazi was attacked by an organized
16 group of armed militants killing United States Am-
17 bassador Chris Stevens, Sean Smith, Glen Doherty,
18 and Tyrone Woods.

19 (7) On January 10, 2014, the Secretary of
20 State designated Ansar al-Sharia in Benghazi and
21 Ansar al-Sharia in Darnah as foreign terrorist orga-
22 nizations for their role in the attack against the
23 United States Consulate in Benghazi.

24 (8) The attacks on September 11, 2012, con-
25 tinue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to

1 the national security and foreign policy of the
2 United States.

3 (9) The President has authority under the Con-
4 stitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of
5 international terrorism against the United States.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**

7 **ARMED FORCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
9 use all necessary and appropriate force against those na-
10 tions, organizations, or persons the President determines
11 planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist at-
12 tacks that occurred on September 11, 2012, or harbored
13 such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any fu-
14 ture acts of international terrorism against the United
15 States by such nations, organizations, or persons.

16 (b) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—

18 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
19 Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is
20 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-
21 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War
22 Powers Resolution.

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

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