FILE NO. 200031

[Urging the United States Congress to Vote on a War Powers Resolution Limiting President Donald J. Trump's Military Actions in Iran]

Resolution urging the United States Congress to vote on a War Powers Resolution limiting President Donald J. Trump’s military actions in Iran and to mandate that the War Powers Act Notification sent by President Donald J. Trump to members of Congress delineating the legal grounds for the drone strike, as required by the War Powers Act, be fully declassified and shared with the American public.

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2020, President Donald J. Trump informed Americans that he had ordered an overnight drone strike at Baghdad’s International Airport to “terminate” Iranian Major General Qassem Suleimani and other high-level Iranian military officials without the consultation of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2020, the United States State Department issued a travel warning to all American citizens in Iraq urging them to immediately leave the country due to the heightened increased possibility of violence against Americans in the Middle East following the public announcement of Suleimani’s killing in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2020, Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, declared three days of public mourning and vowed that Iran would retaliate against Americans and American assets for the killing of Suleimani, thus, illustrating, the increased risk of retaliation against Americans across the globe because of President Donald J. Trump’s misguided and possibly unconstitutional act; and

WHEREAS, On January 4, 2020, President Donald J. Trump sent formal notification to the United States Congress enumerating the legal grounds for the drone strike targeting Suleimani and other high-level Iranian military officials, as required under the War Powers Act, however the document was entirely classified; and
WHEREAS, On January 5, 2020, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D – CA – 12th District) announced that the United States House of Representatives will introduce and vote on a Wars Powers Resolution limiting President Donald J. Trump’s military actions regarding Iran in the near future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns President Donald J. Trump’s actions in Iran; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County Board of Supervisors sees that the drone strike ordered by President Donald J. Trump has already proven to have backfired by unnecessarily endangering the lives of American troops and American citizens across the globe; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges members of the United States Congress to demand for the full declassification of the notification under the War Powers Act given to members of Congress by the White House so that the American public can be fully informed of what transpired and confirmed what the White House is alleging where the grounds for the drone strike; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to de-escalate any military action in Iran and the entire Middle East, military action, because of the inherent atrocities of war, should be the last resort and only exercised when all other diplomatic options are exhausted; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass such legislation with expediency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the City and County of the Board of Supervisors notify members of Congress from San Francisco and the United States Senators

Supervisors Safai; Yee, Stefani, Preston, Ronen, Fewer
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from the State of California with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objects stated in this Resolution.
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January 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/14/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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