

Amendment to HR 21

1 Amend the title of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

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3 A RESOLUTION urging New Hampshire's congressional delegation to support the repeal of
4 the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force.
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6 Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

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8 Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Authorization for Use of Military Force of 2001
9 (2001 AUMF), Public Law 107-40, passed on September 14, 2001, to authorize military action
10 against those responsible for the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

11 Whereas, this authorization has been used by multiple administrations over more than 2
12 decades to justify military operations across numerous countries, far beyond its original intent,
13 resulting in prolonged conflicts often referred to as “forever wars”; and

14 Whereas, the 2001 AUMF has been cited to authorize military actions in at least 22 countries,
15 despite its original purpose being limited to targeting al-Qaeda and associated forces, and lacks a
16 sunset provision, allowing its indefinite use; and

17 Whereas, the primary targets of the 2001 AUMF, including al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden,
18 killed in 2011, and his successor Ayman al-Zawahiri, killed in 2022, have been eliminated, rendering
19 the original justification for the authorization largely obsolete; and

20 Whereas, Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution vests Congress with the sole
21 authority to declare war, and the prolonged reliance on outdated AUMFs undermines Congress’s
22 constitutional responsibility to deliberate and authorize military actions; and

23 Whereas, the people of New Hampshire value peace, constitutional governance, and the
24 responsible use of military force, and oppose the perpetuation of open-ended military engagements
25 without regular congressional review and approval; and

26 Whereas, repealing the 2001 AUMF would reassert Congress’ constitutional authority, ensure
27 military actions align with current national security needs, and honor the sacrifices of United States
28 service members by requiring deliberate legislative approval for future conflicts; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

30 That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges the New Hampshire federal delegation,
31 including Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, and Representatives Christopher Pappas

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1 and Maggie Goodlander, to actively support and co-sponsor legislation in Congress to repeal the
2 Authorization for Use of Military Force of 2001 Public Law 107-40.

3 That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the house clerk to the President of the United
4 States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United
5 States Senate, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This resolution urges New Hampshire's congressional delegation to support the repeal of the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force.