

## Resolution 2023-10

### Title: Resolution on War in Yemen - House Joint Resolution 87

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**WHEREAS**, the terrorist organization known as Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) is among our nation's deadliest enemies; and,

**WHEREAS**, Saudi Arabia and Al-Qaeda work in concert to spread militant Sunni Islam through the Arabian peninsula, and beyond; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Iran-supported Shia rebels, a faction in Yemen's civil war loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Sales, are fighting against AQAP and their Saudi-backed militia allies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Obama administration chose to get involved in this conflict on the Sunni side as a means to repair a strained relationship with Saudi Arabia; and,

**WHEREAS**, United States military involvement in this conflict includes providing weapons, assisting in targeting selection, and actively flying refueling missions; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Constitution, and reiterated by the War Powers Act of 1973, our armed forces are not to engage in foreign war unless authorized by Congress; and,

**WHEREAS**, Republican Representatives Thomas Massie, Andy Biggs, Matt Gaetz, and Paul Gosar have co-sponsored House Joint Resolution 87: Directing the removal of United States Armed Force from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the IDGOP urges Representative Russ Fulcher to co-sponsor House Joint Resolution 87: Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the IDGOP urges Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo to do everything in their power to withdraw our military from the ill-advised foreign entanglement in Yemen.

## **Resolution 2023-48**

### **US Military Presence in Syria**

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**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States vests in the United States Congress the exclusive power of war and limits the authority of the President to engage in military action

**WHEREAS**, In spite of the clear language of the United States Constitution, vesting the power over war exclusively in the United States Congress, the United States Executive Branch has unconstitutionally assumed the power while the United States Congress has abdicated its constitutional duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the US military does not have an international mandate to occupy or engage in combat operations in Syrian territory, and it does not have the permission of the Syrian government; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama sought an unconstitutional Authorization of Use of Military Force (AUMF) from Congress to intervene in Syria and Congress refused to debate and pass such a measure; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama proceeded to mobilize the United States military in offensive combat operations absent a Declaration of War or a Congressional AUMF; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump and President Biden have continued the active combat operations for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no compelling US interest in waging a low-level war with Iranian-backed militias in Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, the US military presence in Syria unnecessarily puts US troops and contractors at risk;

**WHEREAS**, the US military presence in Syria fails to discourage further attacks and risks escalation of the conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States military and the Idaho National Guard, should not be engaged or deployed to active combat operations, or serve as an instrumentality of war, in any foreign nation unless Congress has first declared war as prescribed in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States; and

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican Party urges the President to immediately withdraw all US forces from Syria and end the unauthorized military mission;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party urges our elected members of Congress to fulfill their constitutional duty to debate and vote on matters of war and to assert their authority over US military actions in Syria and other locations around the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party calls on Senator Jim Risch (R- ID) to use his influence as the Ranking Member of the powerful Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to advocate and an America-First foreign policy that keeps the American military out of undeclared wars of choice waged by the Executive Branch.