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# H. RES. 1009

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the consideration of “Just War” principles prior to any vote with respect to a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas the incorporation of “Just War” principles into deliberations with regard to a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force will ensure that the United States takes military action only under certain circumstances: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2   resentatives that, prior to any vote by the House with re-  
3   spect to the introduction of the United States Armed  
4   Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent

1 involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-  
2 cumstances, the House should also determine—

3 (1) whether such introduction is for the purpose  
4 of a just cause, such as—

5 (A) stopping a genocide or ethnic cleans-  
6 ing;

7 (B) stopping grievous, massive, and irrep-  
8 arable harm to the environment; or

9 (C) protecting the United States or its al-  
10 lies from invasion or mass destruction;

11 (2) whether the proposed action will be—

12 (A) in response only to the underlying just  
13 cause;

14 (B) proportional to the underlying just  
15 cause; and

16 (C) undertaken with the intent to reestab-  
17 lish peace;

18 (3) whether the presumed benefits of the pro-  
19 posed action outweigh the harm done;

20 (4) whether there is a reasonable probability  
21 that the proposed action will succeed; and

22 (5) whether all alternatives to military action  
23 have been exhausted.

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