
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO
HOSTILITIES IN IRAN.

1 WHEREAS, in February 2026, the United States initiated
2 Operation Epic Fury, which targeted high-ranking members of
3 Iran's government and military; and
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5 WHEREAS, thirteen United States soldiers have been killed
6 since the beginning of the conflict in Iran; and
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8 WHEREAS, the conflict has claimed the lives of 3,636
9 people, including 1,701 civilians; and
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11 WHEREAS, the United States has deployed approximately ten
12 thousand additional troops to the Middle East, increasing the
13 total number of United States troops deployed in the region to
14 over fifty thousand; and
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16 WHEREAS, the United States lacks coherent objectives and
17 has failed to provide a clearly defined timetable for its
18 ongoing participation in the conflict in Iran; and
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20 WHEREAS, the White House has declined to provide Congress
21 with an estimate of the current costs of the conflict, but
22 independent experts have provided an approximation of \$25
23 billion to \$35 billion; and
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25 WHEREAS, these direct financial costs, when averaged across
26 each household in the United States, total around \$260; and
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28 WHEREAS, the costs of the conflict for the United States
29 and its taxpayers will only grow as the conflict continues, with
30 the estimated daily costs totaling around \$2 billion and the
31 total potential costs reaching over \$1 trillion; and
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1 WHEREAS, the White House has requested \$1.5 trillion
2 dollars for defense in its budget request; and

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4 WHEREAS, the conflict has also incurred indirect costs to
5 the United States and the global economy, especially through the
6 closure of the Strait of Hormuz; and

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8 WHEREAS, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted
9 a critical trade route responsible for delivering approximately
10 twenty percent of the world's energy supply; and

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12 WHEREAS, recent reports indicate that China has also taken
13 steps to block transit around the Scarborough Shoal in the South
14 China Sea, a region through which roughly thirty percent of
15 global maritime commerce passes; and

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17 WHEREAS, these disruptions to global trade and energy
18 supplies have led to a thirty percent increase in the average
19 cost of gasoline in the United States; and

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21 WHEREAS, the average taxpayer in the United States paid
22 \$4,049 for war and weapons in 2025 and will likely pay more in
23 2026 if the conflict in Iran continues; and

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25 WHEREAS, the destabilizing effects of global conflict have
26 compounded the effects of tariffs enacted within the past year,
27 which have significantly disrupted local businesses and
28 negatively impacted the broader economy; and

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30 WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict in Iran and prior foreign
31 wars over the past fifty years have weakened the ability of the
32 United States to adequately fund domestic programs and services
33 that benefit residents; and

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35 WHEREAS, the loss of life, human suffering, and long-term
36 social and economic harms of armed conflict will continue to
37 proliferate without a permanent ceasefire and an end to
38 hostilities in Iran; now, therefore,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
41 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
42 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that this body urges an

1 immediate and permanent ceasefire and an end to hostilities in
2 Iran; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
6 United States, Vice President of the United States, United
7 States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Defense,
8 and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

