

Resolution in Support of Representative Barbara Lee
The Green Party of Michigan
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Sponsored by Douglas Campbell, Ferndale

On Friday, September 14, 2001, the United States House of Representatives passed H.J. Res. 64, "Authorization for Use of Military Force" by a vote of 420 - 1. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Representative Barbara Lee, from California's 9th Congressional district which includes Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland, California.

Section 8 of the United States Constitution says, "The Congress shall have power . . . To declare war". Section 2 says "The President shall be commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the United States . . . *when called into the actual service of the United States*"

Barbara Lee was the only person who voted to uphold and defend the Constitution's separation of powers principle, the principle that no one person should be empowered to conduct war on behalf of the United States.

Barbara Lee was the only person who voted to deny George W. Bush the authority to single-handedly conduct war against unspecified nations, organizations, or persons for an unspecified duration.

On September 14, Barbara Lee was the only peacemaker in the United States Congress when every other voice cried out for war.

As of this writing, George W. Bush has been conducting war on Afghanistan and its neighbors for a month and not one person who "planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons" has been reported killed, captured, or even located, while he has caused untold death, dislocation, starvation and other suffering among uninvolved people there.

The Green Party of Michigan therefore resolves:

To applaud Congresswoman Barbara Lee for her action to uphold and defend the Constitution, and to promote Non-Violence, at great personal cost, and

To encourage people everywhere, whether in California's 9th District or not, to actively support Barbara Lee's re-election to Congress and her election to any other public office she might seek.

Appendix I: text of the "Authorization for Use of Military Force"
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**AUTHORIZING USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE
FOR RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES**

H.J. Res. 64

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, acts of treacherous violence were committed against the United States and its citizens; and

Whereas, such acts render it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, in light of the threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by these grave acts of violence; and

Whereas, such acts continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States; and

Whereas, the President has authority under the Constitution to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This joint resolution may be cited as the "Authorization for Use of Military Force".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

(a) In General.--That the President is authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any further acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.

(b) War Powers Resolution Requirements.--

(1) Specific statutory authorization.--Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution.

(2) Applicability of other requirements.--Nothing in this resolution supersedes any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

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