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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Lord's Resistance Army, led by Joseph Kony, has brutalized and tortured thousands of civilians in Central Africa for more than 20 years;

Whereas the United States has supported military efforts by local militaries to topple the Lord's Resistance Army, and capture Joseph Kony;

Whereas, on May 24, 2010, the President of the United States signed the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009;

Whereas, on October 12, 2011, the President of the United States authorized the deployment of 100 combat forces to Uganda, Central African Republic, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Whereas, on October 14, 2011, the President of the United States informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate of the deployment of said combat force; and

Whereas the President has yet to define a clear, achievable goal: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the President should request authorization
4 before sending the United States Armed Forces into
5 battle;

6 (2) the Administration should set clear, defin-
7 able objectives for the United States Armed Forces
8 to achieve before sending them into battle;

9 (3) during a time of record deficits and involve-
10 ment in two other wars, it is myopic to intervene in
11 a country that poses no threat to the United States;

12 (4) the Administration failed to indicate any di-
13 rect national security interest in deploying United
14 States Armed Forces into Central Africa; and

- 1 (5) the destruction of the Lord's Resistance
- 2 Army is the desire of the United States.

