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Resolution

The Alliance for Retired Americans Publicly Opposes the War on Iran

Whereas President Trump ran for office on a pledge to keep the U.S. out of military entanglements overseas, and to be a “Peace President;” and

Whereas the Trump Administration has, since late February 2026, authorized extensive military strikes on Iran, almost instantly killing hundreds of Iranian civilians, including dozens of elementary school girls; and

Whereas these strikes are unconstitutional, as only Congress has the authority to declare war, and Iran posed no imminent threat to the U.S. that would justify military action without consulting Congress, and President Trump’s actions betray a contempt for democracy and the Constitution, as if he were a “supreme leader” whose will trumps the will of the people, similar to the Ayatollah he wants to topple; and

Whereas President Trump's current unconstitutional behavior betrays a pattern of abuse of democratic norms, that includes his attack on workers and unions and our democratic rights, on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs that benefit senior citizens, and on voting and civil rights, all to the detriment of active and retired working people, our democracy, and the rule of law; and

Whereas the Administration's actions have put tens of thousands of U.S. troops stationed in the Middle East at risk, and, as of this writing, at least 13 have been killed and 160 wounded; and

Whereas every poll shows that the Administration does not have the support of the American public for this war; and

Whereas the actions of the Iranian regime against its own people, and in particular, against protesters of the regime, are indefensible, however, there is no reason to believe that U.S. and Israeli military attacks will bring freedom or democracy to the Iranian people, and as we learned from George W. Bush's Iraq War – a war Trump condemned – and in Vietnam, and other military adventures, U.S. efforts to bring “regime change” to other nations have never resulted in functional democracies; and

Whereas the very existence of the Islamic Republic in Iran is a direct result of the U.S. and its allies' overthrowing a democratically elected government there in 1953 and installing Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, and the Islamic Republic was the result of a 1979 revolution against the

Shah's autocratic government, which regularly jailed and tortured dissidents; and

Whereas it should be up to the Iranian people to make changes to their government, something that being bombed by the U.S. and Israel will only make more difficult; and

Whereas the massive resources spent on this unnecessary military adventure, estimated to be approximately \$1 billion per day at this writing, would be better spent addressing the high cost of health care, groceries, and housing for working people, and though the Trump administration has declared the affordability crisis over, working people's pocketbooks say otherwise; and

Whereas the beneficiaries of these attacks are Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who uses ongoing wars in Gaza and now Iran to avoid prosecution on corruption charges, the CEOs and stockholders of the oil companies who covet Iran's oil, and the military and high-tech companies who profit from war, the beneficiaries do not include the Iranian people or American taxpayers; and

Whereas President Trump's actions are sowing hatred of the U.S. throughout the world, and our allies were not consulted about this war, and understandably want no part of it, and our Middle East allies are already suffering major disruptions to travel and commerce, and are under frequent bombardment; and

Whereas the Administration's rationales for the war have changed numerous times since the onslaught began, and it is clear that they have no strategy for bringing the war to a close; and

Whereas the price of oil has already risen dramatically and will lead to sharp increases in the prices of many products that are daily necessities for American families, and the cost of this war will fall squarely on the working people of our country, and on our military service members who are being asked to wage a war and sacrifice their well-being, perhaps their lives, with no clear reason or end plan; and

Whereas the American labor movement stood firmly and proudly against the Iraq War, and unions and their members protested in the streets, lobbied Congress, and forged solidarity relationships with Iraqi unions and their leaders, and the AFL-CIO recognized that the foreign policy decisions of our country directly impact the well-being of our citizens, our economy, and our future, and must therefore be on labor's agenda for action, and that this war in Iran is just as unnecessary, unjust, misguided and potentially as expensive in lives and treasure as the Iraq war was; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans formally denounces this dangerous war; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans demands that Congress invoke the War Powers

Act to end this unconstitutional, unprovoked, immoral, and unnecessary conflict; and

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans will advise their member organizations and individual members of the passage of this resolution, and encourage all working people to take action and demand that our government end this war.