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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For more than seven decades, the United States has anchored its national security and global leadership in alliances founded on mutual defense, shared sacrifice, and respect for sovereignty, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), of which Denmark, a sovereign ally of the United States and the governing authority over Greenland, is a founding and steadfast member; and

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WHEREAS, Greenland is an integral part of the Kingdom of Denmark, whose people enjoy self-government, democratic rights, and protection under international law, and any attempt to seize or annex its territory by force would constitute an act of aggression against a treaty ally of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Public statements and threats by President Donald J. Trump advocating or entertaining the invasion or forcible acquisition of Greenland represent a profound repudiation of America's commitments to its allies and an unprecedented willingness to contemplate war against nations that have stood alongside the United States for generations; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces are trained, educated, and morally conditioned to defend allies, deter

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1 aggression, and preserve peace, not to plan or execute wars of  
2 conquest against friendly nations with whom American service  
3 members have trained, fought, and bled; and

4 WHEREAS, Danish service members fought alongside American  
5 troops following the attacks of September 11, 2001, including  
6 in Afghanistan, where Denmark suffered significant casualties  
7 for a nation of its size, demonstrating loyalty, courage, and  
8 sacrifice in defense of shared values; and

9 WHEREAS, Ordering the United States military to plan or  
10 prepare for an invasion of Greenland would force service  
11 members into a perverse inversion of their training and  
12 ethics, compelling them to treat allies as enemies and to  
13 weaponize institutions designed for collective defense into  
14 instruments of betrayal; and

15 WHEREAS, Such planning, even if framed as hypothetical or  
16 procedural, would erode the moral foundations of  
17 civilian-military relations by compelling officers and  
18 enlisted personnel to reconcile obedience with actions that  
19 are clearly immoral, irrational, and contrary to the  
20 traditions of American decency; and

21 WHEREAS, The transformation of the United States from  
22 guarantor of collective security into aggressor against NATO

1 would shatter alliance trust, destabilize global security, and  
2 signal to adversaries that American treaty commitments are  
3 contingent, transactional, and revocable at the whim of a  
4 single leader; and

5 WHEREAS, A war of aggression against Greenland would  
6 directly violate the Charter of the United Nations, to which  
7 the United States is a founding signatory, and which was  
8 established to "save succeeding generations from the scourge  
9 of war" by prohibiting the threat or use of force against the  
10 territorial integrity or political independence of any state;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Such an invasion would inflict untold misery upon  
13 the people of Greenland, subjecting a small population to  
14 fear, displacement, and violence for no legitimate defensive  
15 purpose while simultaneously placing American servicemen and  
16 servicewomen in harm's way to prosecute a war that serves no  
17 national security interest; and

18 WHEREAS, The burden of restraining reckless and  
19 destructive uses of military power does not rest with the  
20 armed forces, whose duty is lawful obedience, but with  
21 civilian institutions and elected representatives charged with  
22 upholding constitutional governance and the rule of law; and

1           WHEREAS, Silence or acquiescence by political leaders in  
2 the face of calls for aggressive war against allies risks  
3 normalizing ideas that would once have been disqualifying,  
4 unthinkable, or grounds for removal from positions of  
5 responsibility; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we condemn, in the strongest possible terms, any proposal,  
9 threat, or effort to invade, annex, or forcibly seize  
10 Greenland or any other territory of a United States treaty  
11 ally; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That we express support for the United States'  
13 enduring commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
14 (NATO), to the sovereignty of allied nations, and to the  
15 principle that disputes among friends are resolved through  
16 diplomacy, not violence; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That we affirm that wars of aggression against  
18 allies are morally indefensible, strategically catastrophic,  
19 and incompatible with the values and obligations of the United  
20 States under international law; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That we call upon all elected officials,  
22 regardless of party or office, to reject rhetoric and policies

1 that would place American service members in the position of  
2 betraying allies and committing acts of unjust war; and be it  
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That we express our commitment to peace,  
5 alliance, and the rule of law; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
8 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
9 U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives, the U.S. House  
10 of Representatives Minority Leader, and the Secretary-General  
11 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).