

## House Resolution 7 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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1 A Resolution urging Iowa's congressional delegation to  
2 prevent the military use of armed unmanned aerial  
3 vehicles in any armed conflicts throughout the world  
4 without a formal declaration of war by the United  
5 States Congress.

6 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the United States  
7 Constitution expressly grants the United States  
8 Congress with the power to declare war; and

9 WHEREAS, armed unmanned aerial vehicles, also  
10 referred to as military drones, are increasingly being  
11 used as weapons of war in military actions throughout  
12 the world; and

13 WHEREAS, United Nations human rights experts have  
14 raised concern about the potential illegal use of armed  
15 drones; and

16 WHEREAS, the United Nations special rapporteur on  
17 counter-terrorism investigated the use of drones in  
18 lethal extraterritorial counter-terrorism operations to  
19 evaluate allegations that the increasing use of drones  
20 has caused disproportionate civilian casualties; and

21 WHEREAS, the United Nations special rapporteur on  
22 extrajudicial killings has stated that "If the right  
23 to life is to be secured in the use of drones, it is  
24 imperative that the limitations posed by international  
25 law on the use of lethal force, as for any other lethal  
26 weapon, are strictly adhered to and not weakened by  
27 broad justifications of drone strikes"; and

28 WHEREAS, the use of military force, and specifically

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1 the use of armed unmanned aerial vehicles, by the  
2 United States should be done sparingly, and requiring  
3 Congress to declare war as provided by the United  
4 States Constitution helps ensure that the use of armed  
5 unmanned aerial vehicles by the military is limited and  
6 comports with international law; and

7 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa, striving to live up to  
8 the commandments of Christ, recognize the importance of  
9 doing unto others as they would have done onto them,  
10 and understanding "As you sow so shall you reap"; NOW  
11 THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
13 That the Iowa House of Representatives urges Iowa's  
14 congressional delegation to prevent the military use of  
15 armed unmanned aerial vehicles in any armed conflicts  
16 throughout the world without a formal declaration of  
17 war by the United States Congress.