JOINT RESOLUTION

To require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING ACTIONS BY SAUDI ARABIA IN YEMEN.

(a) INITIAL CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a certification whether the Government of Saudi Arabia is undertaking—
(1) an urgent and good faith effort to conduct diplomatic negotiations to end the civil war in Yemen;

(2) appropriate measures to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen by increasing access for Yemenis to food, fuel, and medicine, including through Yemen’s Red Sea ports, the airport in Sana’a, and external border crossings with Saudi Arabia; and

(3) demonstrable action to reduce the risk of harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure resulting from its military operations in Yemen, including by complying with applicable agreements and laws regulating defense articles purchased or transferred from the United States.

(b) Subsequent Certifications.—Not later than 180 and 360 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a certification whether the Government of Saudi Arabia is undertaking the efforts described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a).

(c) Restriction.—If the Secretary of State is unable under subsections (a) and (b) to certify that the Government of Saudi Arabia is taking demonstrable action as described in subsection (a), no Federal funds may be obli-
gated or expended to provide in-flight refueling, pursuant
to any agreement authorized by section 2342 of title 10,
United States Code, or other applicable statutory author-
ity, of Saudi and Saudi-led coalition non-United States
aircraft conducting missions in Yemen other than missions
related to—

(1) al Qaeda, al Qaeda in the Arabian Penin-
sula (AQAP), and the Islamic State in Iraq and
Syria (ISIS);

(2) countering the transport, assembly, or em-
ployment of ballistic missiles or components in
Yemen;

(3) helping coalition aircraft return safely to
base in emergency situations; or

(4) force protection of United States aircraft,
ships, or personnel.

(d) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this joint
resolution may be construed as authorizing the use of mili-
tary force.

(e) Form of Certifications.—The certifications
required under subsections (a) and (b) shall be written,
detailed, and submitted in unclassified form.

(f) Strategy Required.—Not later than 90 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense
and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an unclassified report listing United States objectives in Yemen and detailing a strategy to accomplish those objectives. The report shall be unclassified but may include a classified annex.

(g) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.