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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XIII the following:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE INCLU-**
2 **SION OF SUNSET PROVISIONS IN AUTHORIZA-**
3 **TIONS FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution pro-
7 vides Congress with the sole authority to “declare
8 war”.

9 (2) Legal experts who have served in both
10 Democratic and Republic administrations rec-
11 ommend the inclusion of a sunset clause or reau-
12 thorization requirement in authorizations for use of
13 military force to ensure that Congress fulfills its
14 constitutional duty to debate and vote on whether to
15 send United States servicemembers into war.

16 (3) Sunset provisions have been included in 29
17 percent of prior authorizations for use of military
18 force and declarations of war.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 (1) the inclusion of a sunset provision or reau-
4 thorization requirement in authorizations for use of
5 military force is critical to ensuring Congress’s exer-
6 cise of its constitutional duty to declare war; and

7 (2) any joint resolution enacted to authorize the
8 introduction of United States forces into hostilities
9 or into situations where there is a serious risk of
10 hostilities should include a sunset provision setting
11 forth a date certain for the termination of the au-
12 thorization for the use of such forces absent the en-
13 actment of a subsequent specific statutory authoriza-
14 tion for such use of the United States forces.

