

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

Reps. Farhat and Wegela offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge the United States Congress and the  
2 President of the United States to take all appropriate diplomatic  
3 steps to de-escalate violence and avoid further military conflict  
4 in the Middle East involving Iran and Israel.

5       Whereas, The Constitution of the United States grants Congress  
6 the sole authority to declare war, and any engagement of U.S.  
7 forces in armed conflict must be approached with the utmost  
8 caution, transparency, and respect for constitutional process. The  
9 American people have consistently expressed concern about  
10 entanglements in overseas conflicts, particularly in the Middle  
11 East, and support efforts to resolve disputes through diplomacy,  
12 rather than military escalation; and

13       Whereas, Escalation of military conflict with Iran and Israel  
14 could result in devastating loss of life, economic disruption, and

1 increased instability in neighboring countries, including harm to  
2 civilians, refugees, and minority communities already facing  
3 hardship. Diplomatic engagement, de-escalation, and multilateral  
4 cooperation are essential to preserving global peace, protecting  
5 American lives and interests, and upholding international norms;  
6 and

7       Whereas, Congress must assert congressional authority to  
8 prevent the escalations in violence involving Iran and Israel which  
9 risk widespread humanitarian consequences, disruption of global  
10 energy markets, and potential entanglement of U.S. military forces  
11 in prolonged conflict; now, therefore, be it

12       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on the  
13 United States Congress and the President of the United States to  
14 prioritize diplomatic channels, international engagement, conflict  
15 prevention, and a permanent ceasefire in responding to the current  
16 crisis involving Iran and Israel; and be it further

17       Resolved, That we urge all federal officials to exercise  
18 restraint, engage international allies and institutions in  
19 constructive dialogue, and avoid unnecessary or unauthorized  
20 military action; and be it further

21       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
22 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of  
23 State, the United States Secretary of Defense, the Majority and  
24 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and  
25 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and  
26 the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.