

Rep. Johnson offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to repeal the provisions within the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act that allow the detention without trial of U.S. citizens suspected of being terrorists.

Whereas, The recently enacted National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes provisions that have raised serious concerns across our country. While this legislation outlines the budget and expenditures of the Department of Defense for the 2012 Fiscal Year, it also extends sweeping powers that threaten the constitutionally established liberties of American citizens; and

Whereas, The National Defense Authorization Act effectively expands the powers granted by the PATRIOT Act. The legislation expands the use of the military on domestic soil, blurring the role of the military in law enforcement. Most troubling, the measure provides for the option of indefinite military detention of American citizens in this country without trial; and

Whereas, There is no doubt that the challenge of dealing with the ever-present threat of terrorism presents unpleasant and vexing choices for our society. However, it is imperative that our fundamental values be preserved as precious rights enjoyed by citizens in our free nation. Clearly, we must be careful not to curtail our own liberties to a degree that terrorists themselves would applaud; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to repeal the provisions within the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act that allow the detention without trial of U.S. citizens suspected of being terrorists; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.