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To authorize the President of the United States to issue letters of marque and reprisal for the purpose of seizing the assets of certain Russian citizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Mr. GOODEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF MARQUE AND RE-**
4 **PRISAL FOR PURPOSE OF SEIZING ASSETS OF**
5 **CERTAIN RUSSIAN CITIZENS.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.**—The President of
7 the United States is authorized and requested to commis-
8 sion, under officially issued letters of marque and reprisal,

1 so many of privately armed and equipped persons and en-
2 tities as, in the judgment of the President, the service may
3 require, with suitable instructions to the leaders thereof,
4 to employ all means reasonably necessary to seize outside
5 the geographic boundaries of the United States and its
6 territories any yacht, plane, or other asset of any Russian
7 citizen who is on the List of Specially Designated Nation-
8 als and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of For-
9 eign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury.

10 (b) SECURITY BONDS.—No letter of marque and re-
11 prisal shall be issued by the President without requiring
12 the posting of a security bond in such amount as the
13 President shall determine is sufficient to ensure that the
14 letter be executed according to the terms and conditions
15 thereof.

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