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Expressing support for the NATO alliance and increased alliance cooperation on opportunities and challenges.

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Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BACON, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the NATO alliance and increased alliance cooperation on opportunities and challenges.

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) came into being through the North Atlantic Treaty, which entered into force on April 4, 1949, between the United States of America and the other founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and has served as a pillar of international peace and stability, a critical component of United States security, and a deterrent against adversaries and external threats;

Whereas Congress has repeatedly supported and affirmed that—

(1) NATO is one of the most successful military alliances in history, deterring the outbreak of another world

war, protecting the territorial integrity of its members, and seeing the Cold War through to a peaceful conclusion;

(2) NATO remains the foundation of United States foreign policy to promote a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace;

(3) the United States is solemnly committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's principle of collective defense as enumerated in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty; and

(4) each alliance member ought to honor the decision at the NATO Wales Summit in 2014 to spend at least 2 percent of that country's gross domestic product on defense by 2024;

Whereas it is the policy of the United States—

(1) to remain a member in good standing of NATO;

(2) to continue to work with NATO members to meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge commitments; and

(3) to support robust United States funding for the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases the ability of the United States and its allies to deter and defend against aggression;

Whereas the United States should take every action to reinforce its global reputation as a country that fully complies with its obligations under the international treaties to which it is a party; and

Whereas NATO was founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) recognizes the contributions to the national
4 security of the United States and other alliance
5 members derived from international treaties and alli-
6 ances;

7 (2) supports the President’s reaffirmation of
8 the United States commitment to Article 5 and to
9 NATO collective defense based on shared democratic
10 values;

11 (3) calls for—

12 (A) robust United States leadership within
13 NATO;

14 (B) coordination with steadfast allies and
15 partners on shared peace and security concerns;
16 and

17 (C) continued United States engagement
18 to assist NATO allies in meeting their burden-
19 sharing targets;

20 (4) supports increased cooperation on new and
21 persistent threats to democratic institutions from
22 Russia and other competitors, as well as to critical
23 global challenges like climate change and the
24 COVID–19 pandemic; and

- 1 (5) supports increased cooperation and dialogue
- 2 relating to how the alliance may modernize, pursue
- 3 new opportunities, and address potential internal
- 4 threats to democracy.

