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2^D SESSION**S. RES. 275**

To express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28 1996

Mr. BROWN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 24, 1996

Reported by Mr. HELMS, with an amendment

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RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan.

Whereas, prior to 1979, Afghanistan was a peaceful, united
country;

Whereas the successful fight of brave men and women of Af-
ghanistan resisting the Soviet invasion and occupation of
1979–1989 was a significant element in the dissolution of
the Soviet empire;

Whereas the dissolution of the Soviet empire brought freedom
to the nations of central and eastern Europe as well as
to the nations of central Asia;

Whereas although many years after the Soviet Union withdrawal, Afghanistan does not enjoy the peace it has earned;

Whereas the United Nations can play a unique and important role in bringing an end to the conflict in Afghanistan; and

Whereas recent meetings between Members of Congress and the representatives of the major Afghan factions indicate a significant desire on the part of all parties to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan and the establishment of an effective government that represents the interests of the Afghan people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the courageous people of Afghanistan have
3 earned the world's respect and support for their epic
4 struggle against the forces of communism;

5 (2) resolving the continuing conflict in Afghani-
6 stan and alleviating the accompanying humanitarian
7 distress of the Afghan people should be a top prior-
8 ity of the United States;

9 (3) outside interference and the provision of
10 arms and military supplies to the warring parties
11 should be halted;

12 (4) a unique moment in Afghan civil war exists
13 where all major factions are searching for a peaceful
14 solution to the conflict;

1 ~~(5) the United States should urge the United~~
2 ~~Nations to move quickly to appoint a special envoy~~
3 ~~to Afghanistan who will act aggressively to assist the~~
4 ~~Afghans to achieve a solution to the conflict accept-~~
5 ~~able to the Afghan people; and~~

6 ~~(6) the United Nations should work to create~~
7 ~~the conditions for a continuing dialogue among the~~
8 ~~Afghan factions.~~

9 *(5) urges the United Nations Security Council to*
10 *impose an international arms embargo on Afghani-*
11 *stan to halt the resupply of arms and ammunition to*
12 *the warring factions;*

13 *(6) the United States welcomes the appointment*
14 *by the United Nations of a new special envoy to Af-*
15 *ghanistan and urges him to aggressively assist the Af-*
16 *ghans to achieve a solution to the conflict acceptable*
17 *to the Afghan people; and*

18 *(7) the United Nations should work to create the*
19 *conditions for a continuing dialogue among the Af-*
20 *ghan factions.*

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