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Commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Whereas, on March 12, 1999, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

Whereas, in March 2009, NATO will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland as members of the alliance;

Whereas representatives of the governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland will be in attendance as NATO celebrates its 60th anniversary at a summit to be held on April 4, 2009, in Germany and France;

Whereas the security of the United States and its NATO allies have been enhanced by the integration of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland into the NATO alliance;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have been integral to the NATO mission of promoting a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas the membership of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland has strengthened the ability of NATO to perform a full range of missions throughout the world;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland continue to provide crucial support and participation in the NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, as NATO struggles to help the people of Afghanistan create the conditions necessary for security and successful development and reconstruction;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland helped support NATO efforts to stabilize and secure the Balkans region by contributing to the NATO-led Kosovo Force;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and all NATO members share a strong mutual commitment to defense, regional security, development, and human rights, throughout Europe and beyond; and

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have done much to help NATO meet the global challenges of the 21st century, including the threat of terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, and threats to global energy security: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the ac-
2 cession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hun-
3 gary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the
4 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

5 (2) congratulates the people of the Czech Re-
6 public, Hungary, and Poland on their accomplish-
7 ments as members of free democracies and partners
8 in European stability and security;

9 (3) expresses appreciation for the continuing
10 and close partnership between the United States
11 Government and the Governments of the Czech Re-
12 public, Hungary, and Poland; and

13 (4) urges the United States Government to con-
14 tinue to seek new ways to deepen and expand its im-
15 portant relationships with the Governments of the
16 Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

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