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Reaffirming the robust commitment of the House of Representatives to the importance of the United States-Greek strategic partnership.

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the robust commitment of the House of Representatives to the importance of the United States-Greek strategic partnership.

Whereas, on December 13, 2018, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo and Greek Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs Georgios Katrougalos launched a strategic dialogue and reaffirmed the importance of the United States-Greek relationship;

Whereas history, security, commerce, and shared democratic values underpin a close relationship between the United States and Greece;

Whereas the United States and Greece have a dual interest in many concerns, including independent energy supply

sources and national security, particularly given the strategic geographic location of Greece;

Whereas Greece is playing a key stabilizing role in a turbulent wider region and is a reliable, trustworthy, predictable, and stable ally and partner of the United States, promoting crucial regional synergies and cooperation, including with respect to Cyprus and Israel;

Whereas the United States and Greece encourage and support funding for excess armaments to bolster Greek national security;

Whereas the United States and Greece cooperate extensively within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), where Greece has consistently committed an excess of 2 percent of its Gross Domestic Product to defense;

Whereas Greece has been an ally of the United States in law enforcement and the global war on terror, and has proven its willingness and determination to participate in a number of crucial NATO missions, including in Afghanistan;

Whereas the United States and Greece express strong disapproval of provocative statements designed to interfere with either country's national security interests;

Whereas the United States and Greece have a strong commercial relationship, with \$2.2 billion in trade between the two countries in 2017;

Whereas the United States and Greece continue to encourage cross-private investments to bolster both economies; and

Whereas people to people programs between the United States and Greece have been and will continue to be a staple of the relationship between the two countries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms its robust commitment to the im-
3 portance of the United States-Greek strategic part-
4 nership;

5 (2) applauds Secretary of State Pompeo and
6 Greek Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs
7 Katrourgalos for initiating the strategic dialogue;

8 (3) encourages greater security collaboration
9 between the two countries in the area of defense;
10 and

11 (4) supports an increased focus by the two
12 countries on energy, economic development, and peo-
13 ple to people programs.

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