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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS AND REAFFIRMING THE**
2 **COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO**
3 **THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZA-**
4 **TION (NATO).**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Trea-
7 ty Organization (NATO) was founded with the
8 ideals of democracy, individual liberty, and the de-
9 sire for peaceful resolutions of disputes.

10 (2) For over six decades, NATO has been a
11 successful intergovernmental political and military
12 alliance.

13 (3) NATO's collective defense acts as a deter-
14 rent to aggression where the alliance defends its Al-
15 lied countries against external security threats.

16 (4) NATO strengthens the security of the
17 United States by utilizing an integrated military co-
18 alition.

1 (5) While Russia has continued to threaten the
2 sovereignty of countries in Europe and exhibit
3 threatening behavior toward our own military assets,
4 NATO sends a clear collective message that the Alli-
5 ance will not tolerate Russia's provocation.

6 (6) In respect to the changing threats against
7 Europe and the United States since the end of the
8 Cold War, NATO has evolved to take on new dan-
9 gers including terrorism, the spread of weapons of
10 mass destruction, and cyber attacks.

11 (7) After the September 11, 2001, terrorist at-
12 tacks on the United States, NATO invoked Article
13 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty for the first time in
14 NATO's history to deploy military resources to Af-
15 ghanistan in support of the United States mission to
16 combat a dangerous terrorist threat.

17 (8) NATO aided the United States military by
18 leading the International Security Assistance Force
19 in Afghanistan from August 2003 to 2014, working
20 with Afghan authorities to respond to the terrorist
21 insurgency and to provide effective security across
22 the country.

23 (9) NATO continues a civilian-led presence in
24 Afghanistan to strengthen Afghan security forces

1 and institutions to ensure the country can rebuild its
2 security operations and end safe haven for terrorists.

3 (10) In November 2002 at the Prague Summit,
4 NATO leaders adopted a Prague package to adapt
5 NATO to the challenge of combating terrorism
6 which included a Military Concept for Defense
7 against Terrorism, a Partnership Action Plan
8 against Terrorism, missile defense, cyber defense,
9 and enhanced intelligence sharing.

10 (11) In November 2006 at the Riga Summit,
11 NATO declared that “terrorism, increasingly global
12 in scope and lethal in results, and the spread of
13 weapons of mass destruction are likely to be the
14 principal threats to the Alliance over the next 10 to
15 15 years”.

16 (12) In July 2016 at the Warsaw Summit,
17 NATO leaders agreed to strengthen the Alliance’s
18 military presence in Eastern Europe, declared Initial
19 Operational Capability of NATO’s Ballistic Missile
20 Defense to strengthen the defense of Allied countries
21 against ballistic missiles, and recognized cyberspace
22 as a new operational domain.

23 (13) The attacks in Paris, France; Berlin, Ger-
24 many; Istanbul, Turkey; Manchester, England; Bar-
25 celona, Spain; and Brussels, Belgium, home of the

1 NATO Headquarters, shows the importance of an
2 international alliance to combat terrorist groups.

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the United States reaffirms its commitment
6 to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
7 as the foundation of transatlantic security and de-
8 fense;

9 (2) NATO serves as a critical coalition in pre-
10 serving peace and stability in the transatlantic re-
11 gion;

12 (3) NATO's continued effort to develop new ca-
13 pabilities and technologies to combat terrorism and
14 a changing international security environment are
15 crucial to enhancing national security and strength-
16 ening the United States ability to combat evolving
17 security threats; and

18 (4) the United States encourages each NATO
19 member country to meet or exceed the commitment
20 to spend two percent of its Gross Domestic Product
21 (GDP) on defense.

