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1 **SEC. 12** ____ . **STATEMENT OF CONGRESS REGARDING DIPLO-**
2 **MATIC EFFORTS ON THE KOREAN PENIN-**
3 **SULA.**

4 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The safety and security of the American
6 people is the first and foremost responsibility of the
7 President of the United States and the United
8 States Congress.

9 (2) There is no greater and more urgent threat
10 to the safety and welfare of the American people
11 than a nuclear weapons threat from the Democratic
12 People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea).

13 (3) The February 13, 2018, Worldwide Threat
14 Assessment of the intelligence community stated
15 that “North Korea will be among the most volatile
16 and confrontational WMD [weapons of mass de-
17 struction] threats to the United States over the next
18 year.”.

1 (4) The United States has agreed to four sets
2 of missile and nuclear negotiations with North
3 Korea: the bilateral Agreed Framework (1994–
4 2002), the bilateral missile negotiations (1996–
5 2000), the multilateral Six-Party Talks (2003–
6 2009), and the bilateral Leap Day Deal (2012);
7 these negotiations alone proved insufficient to fore-
8 stall North Korea from advancing its ballistic missile
9 and nuclear weapons programs.

10 (5) The Korean War saw as many as four mil-
11 lion casualties, including over 800,000 American,
12 South Korean, and other United Nations forces, and
13 as many as one million South Korean civilians;

14 (6) Of the American casualties, more than
15 36,000 were killed and more than 7,800 remain un-
16 accounted for.

17 (7) During remarks made by South Korea’s na-
18 tional security adviser, Chung Eui-yong, at the
19 White House after meeting President Trump, stated:
20 “I told President Trump that, in our meeting, North
21 Korean leader Kim Jong Un said he is committed
22 to denuclearization. Kim pledged that North Korea
23 will refrain from any further nuclear or missile tests.
24 He understands that the routine joint military exer-
25 cises between the Republic of Korea and the United

1 States must continue. And he expressed his eager-
2 ness to meet President Trump as soon as possible.”.

3 (8) President Donald Trump tweeted on March
4 8, 2018, that ““Kim Jong Un talked about
5 denuclearization with the South Korean Representa-
6 tives, not just a freeze. Also, no missile testing by
7 North Korea during this period of time. Great
8 progress being made but sanctions will remain until
9 an agreement is reached. Meeting being planned!”.

10 (9) The December 2017 National Security
11 Strategy stated, “Diplomacy sustains dialogue and
12 fosters areas of cooperation with competitors. It re-
13 duces the risk of costly miscommunication.”.

14 (b) STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

15 (1) welcomes the United States-North Korea
16 summit which follows the South Korea-North Korea
17 summit on April 27, 2018;

18 (2) recognizes that the American people are
19 committed to peace and support efforts toward dip-
20 lomatic negotiations to ensure the complete,
21 verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of North
22 Korea;

23 (3) urges the President, the Supreme Leader of
24 North Korea, and regional leaders to engage dip-

1 lomatically to ease tensions on the Korean Penin-
2 sula; and

3 (4) urges the President, partner countries, and
4 members of the United Nations to maintain a cam-
5 paign of strong economic and diplomatic pressure
6 until North Korea has completely, verifiably, and ir-
7 reversibly dismantled all of its nuclear chemical, bio-
8 logical, and radiological weapons programs, includ-
9 ing all programs for the development of systems de-
10 signed in whole or in part for the delivery of such
11 weapons.

