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


(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) In a world with increasingly complex political and security challenges, bridging the gap between diplomacy and defense is more vital than ever to achieve United States strategic objectives abroad.

(2) Foreign missions are multifaceted, rapidly evolving, and interconnected.

(3) Emerging security issues demand that the United States Government be quick, agile, adaptable, comprehensive, and inclusive when navigating foreign partnerships.

(4) The interagency process continues to be the most efficient and effective means for the United States to quickly adjust to changing circumstances and leverage resources for securing its strategic objectives abroad.
(5) The Government Accountability Office has found that “effective interagency rotational assignments can achieve collaboration-related results”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) United States Government personnel must be able to collaborate across departments and agencies to meet complex national security challenges;

(2) the United States needs to ensure that its foreign and defense policies are mutually supportive and find ways to most effectively align its strategies;

(3) exchange programs between the Department of State and Department of Defense are critical for strengthening the capacity of such Departments to promote regional stability around the world while protecting and promoting United States interests;

(4) Foreign Service officers serving as political advisors provide deep understanding of diplomatic dynamics and issues and can enable, through such exchange programs, the Department of Defense to make effective and sustained contributions to protecting and promoting United States interests; and

(5) in order to achieve such strategic, operational, and tactical successes, such Foreign Service officers should be embedded forward with Depart-
ment of Defense personnel to the fullest extent practicable.