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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON FUTURE OF NATO AND**

2 **ENLARGEMENT INITIATIVES.**

3 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Congress declares
4 that—

5 (1) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
6 (NATO) has been the cornerstone of transatlantic
7 security cooperation and an enduring instrument for
8 promoting stability in Europe and around the world
9 for over 65 years;

10 (2) the incorporation of the Czech Republic, Po-
11 land, Hungary, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lith-
12 uania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Albania, and
13 Croatia has been essential to the success of NATO
14 in this modern era;

15 (3) these countries have over time added to and
16 strengthened the list of key European allies of the
17 United States;

18 (4) since joining NATO, these member states
19 have remained committed to the collective defense of

1 the Alliance and have demonstrated their will and
2 ability to contribute to transatlantic solidarity and
3 assume increasingly more responsibility for inter-
4 national peace and security;

5 (5) since joining the Alliance, these NATO
6 members states have contributed to numerous
7 NATO-led peace, security, and stability operations,
8 including participation in the International Security
9 Assistance Force's (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan;

10 (6) these NATO member states have become re-
11 liable partners and supporters of aspiring members
12 and the United States recognizes their continued ef-
13 forts to aid in further enlargement initiatives;

14 (7) at the 2014 Summit in Wales, NATO de-
15 clared that "The Open Door Policy under Article 10
16 of the Washington Treaty is one of the Alliance's
17 great successes."; and

18 (8) at the 2014 Summit in Wales, NATO de-
19 clared that "NATO's door will remain open to all
20 European democracies which share the values of our
21 Alliance, which are willing and able to assume the
22 responsibilities and obligations of membership, which
23 are in a position to further the principles of the
24 Treaty, and whose inclusion will contribute to the se-
25 curity of the North Atlantic area."

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

3 (1) the United States should—

4 (A) continue to work with aspirant coun-
5 tries to prepare such countries for entry into
6 NATO;

7 (B) seek NATO membership for Monte-
8 negro;

9 (C) continue supporting a Membership Ac-
10 tion Plan (MAP) for Georgia;

11 (D) encourage the leaders of Macedonia
12 and Greece to find a mutually agreeable solu-
13 tion to the name dispute between the two coun-
14 tries;

15 (E) seek a Dayton II agreement to resolve
16 the constitutional issues of Bosnia and
17 Herzegovina;

18 (F) work with the Republic of Kosovo to
19 prepare the country for entrance into the Part-
20 nership for Peace (PfP) program;

21 (G) take a leading role in working with
22 NATO member states to identify, through con-
23 sensus, the current and future security threats
24 facing the Alliance; and

1 (H) take a leading role to work with
2 NATO allies to ensure the Alliance maintains
3 the required capabilities, including the gains in
4 interoperability from combat in Afghanistan,
5 necessary to meet the security threats to the Al-
6 liance;

7 (2) NATO member states should review defense
8 spending to ensure sufficient funding is obligated to
9 meet NATO responsibilities; and

10 (3) the United States should remain committed
11 to maintaining a military presence in Europe as a
12 means of promoting allied interoperability and pro-
13 viding visible assurance to NATO allies in the re-
14 gion.

