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# S. RES. 156

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. WARNER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 24, 2013

Reported by Mr. MENENDEZ, with an amendment and an amendment to the preamble

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## RESOLUTION

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~~Whereas, on June 19, 2013, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of NATO ACT;~~

Whereas the security of the United States and its NATO allies have been enhanced by the establishment and continued work of NATO ACT;

Whereas, for the past 10 years, ACT has been leading the charge for NATO military transformation, and providing relevant and timely support to NATO operations, and developing partnerships around the globe to adapt to the changing global security environment;

Whereas ACT is the only NATO headquarters in the United States, and the only permanent NATO headquarters outside of Europe;

Whereas ACT provides state-of-the-art education, training, and application of best practices and lessons learned from past operations, and equips Alliance troops with the tools they need to win today's wars;

Whereas ACT improves NATO's defense planning and develops compatible equipment and common standards necessary to keep Alliance capabilities aligned;

Whereas NATO ACT has been integral to a NATO mission of promoting a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas NATO ACT strengthened the ability of NATO to perform a full range of missions throughout the world;

Whereas NATO ACT has provided crucial support and participation in the NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, as NATO endeavors to help the people of Afghanistan create the conditions necessary for security and successful development and reconstruction;

Whereas ACT employs personnel from 26 NATO member nations and 6 NATO Partner nations and contributes more than \$100,000,000 annually to the local economy;

Whereas NATO has been the cornerstone of transatlantic security cooperation and an enduring instrument for promoting stability in Europe and throughout the world for over 60 years, representing the vital transatlantic bond of solidarity between the United States and Europe, as NATO nations share similar values and interests and are committed to the maintenance of democratic principles;

Whereas the Chicago Summit Communiqué affirms that all NATO members “are determined that NATO will continue to play its unique and essential role in ensuring our common defense and security” and that NATO “continues to be effective in a changing world, against new threats, with new capabilities and new partners”;

Whereas, through the Alliance, the United States and Europe are effective and steadfast partners in security, and ACT is well positioned to contribute to the strength of the Alliance on both continents;

Whereas NATO ACT has done much to help NATO meet the global challenges of the 21st century, including the threat of terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, and threats to global energy security; and

Whereas the 10th anniversary of NATO ACT is an opportunity to enhance and more deeply entrench those principles, which continue to bind the alliance together and guide our efforts today: Now, therefore, be it

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1        *Resolved, That the Senate—*

1           (1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the es-  
2           tablishment of NATO Allied Command Trans-  
3           formation (NATO ACT);

4           (2) recognizes NATO ACT's leading role to  
5           continue to transform alliance forces and capabili-  
6           ties, using new concepts such as the NATO Re-  
7           sponse Force and new doctrines in order to improve  
8           the alliance's military effectiveness;

9           (3) expresses appreciation for the continuing  
10          and close partnership between the United States  
11          Government and NATO to transform the alliance;

12          (4) remembers the 65 years NATO has served  
13          to ensure peace, security, and stability in Europe  
14          throughout the world, and urges the United States  
15          Government to continue to seek new ways to deepen  
16          and expand its important relationships with NATO;

17          (5) recognizes the service of the brave men and  
18          women who have served to safeguard the freedom  
19          and security of the United States and the whole of  
20          the transatlantic alliance;

21          (6) honors the sacrifices of United States per-  
22          sonnel, allies of the North American Treaty Organi-  
23          zation (referred to in this resolution as "NATO"),  
24          and partners in Afghanistan;

1           (7) recognizes the outstanding partnership be-  
2           tween the local community in Norfolk, Virginia, and  
3           NATO personnel assigned to ACT;

4           (8) reaffirms that NATO, through the new  
5           Strategic Concept, is oriented toward the changing  
6           international security environment and the chal-  
7           lenges of the future;

8           (9) urges all NATO members to take concrete  
9           steps to implement the Strategic Concept and to uti-  
10          lize the taskings from the 2012 NATO summit in  
11          Chicago, Illinois, to address current NATO oper-  
12          ations, future capabilities and burden-sharing issues,  
13          and strengthen the relationship between NATO and  
14          partners around the world; and

15          (10) conveys appreciation for the steadfast  
16          partnership between NATO and the United States.  
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18                 (1) *celebrates the 10th anniversary of the estab-*  
19                 *lishment of NATO Allied Command Transformation*  
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3        *strengthen the relationship between NATO and part-*  
4        *ners around the world;*

5            *(10) calls upon the President to use the momen-*  
6        *tum of the occasion of the 10th anniversary of NATO*  
7        *ACT—*

8            *(A) to engage each of the member states of*  
9        *the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a*  
10       *dialogue about the long-term health of the Alli-*  
11       *ance, and strongly encourage each of the member*  
12       *states to make a serious effort to protect defense*  
13       *budgets from further reductions, better allocate*  
14       *and coordinate the resources presently available,*  
15       *and recommit to spending at least 2 percent of*  
16       *gross domestic product (GDP) on defense; and*

17            *(B) to examine and report to Congress on*  
18       *recommendations that will lead to a stronger Al-*  
19       *liance in terms of military capability and readi-*  
20       *ness across the 28 member states, with particular*  
21       *focus on the smaller member states; and*

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