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# S. RES. 346

Urging all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to spend  
a minimum of 5 percent of gross domestic product on defense.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Urging all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to spend a minimum of 5 percent of gross domestic product on defense.

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has long served as a pillar of collective security and transatlantic cooperation, ensuring stability and shared defense among member states;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump played a leading role in securing increased defense spending commitments from NATO allies to ensure the Alliance remains capable of addressing 21st-century threats;

Whereas the Hague Summit Declaration encouraged allies to allocate at least 5 percent of gross domestic product

(GDP) to defense spending, demonstrating a commitment to sharing the burden of collective defense;

Whereas the 5 percent GDP spending commitment will be split between spending 3.5 percent on military spending and 1.5 percent on non-traditional defense spending such as infrastructure and cyber security resilience;

Whereas this target, if implemented with discipline and transparency, has the potential to significantly enhance NATO's military readiness, deterrence posture, and ability to respond to evolving threats including cyber warfare;

Whereas the imprecise language of the Hague Agreement leaves ambiguity about the requirement of all allies reaching the 5 percent of GDP goal;

Whereas the exclusion of certain member countries from the commitment to spend 5 percent of GDP on defense undermines fidelity to the Alliance;

Whereas the commitment to spending 5 percent of GDP on verifiable defense expenditures is important to the defense of all member nations;

Whereas the inclusion of domestic infrastructure in allies' calculations toward their 1.5 percent commitment to non-traditional defense expenditures contributes minimally to the Alliance's ability to address external threats; and

Whereas the commitment from economies of all sizes within NATO to meet the former goal of spending 2 percent GDP on defense shows that not meeting spending commitments is a choice of will and not of circumstance:  
Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) congratulates President Donald J. Trump  
2           and NATO leadership on the new commitment to  
3           defense investment, and commends the Alliance for  
4           its renewed focus on collective defense;

5           (2) lauds NATO members who spent more than  
6           2 percent of their GDP on defense prior to the  
7           Hague Summit;

8           (3) strongly urges NATO leadership to compel  
9           members to adhere to the 5 percent GDP commit-  
10          ment to defense spending;

11          (4) calls on all NATO allies to ensure their  
12          non-traditional defense expenditures are demon-  
13          strably aligned with legitimate defense objectives;  
14          and

15          (5) reaffirms the importance of NATO and the  
16          commitment of the United States Senate to main-  
17          taining a strong, capable, and united Alliance.

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