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Congratulating the people of North Macedonia on the 34th anniversary of their independence and celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between North Macedonia and the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. RICKETTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of North Macedonia on the 34th anniversary of their independence and celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between North Macedonia and the United States.

Whereas the Republic of North Macedonia peacefully asserted and achieved independent statehood on September 8, 1991, and has since become a secure, democratic, and prosperous country and a key United States ally and strategic partner in the Western Balkans;

Whereas North Macedonia affirmed its commitment to joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1993, adopted major defense reforms, built a modern, professional defense force, and became the 30th NATO alliance member on March 27, 2020;

Whereas, in 1993, the State of Vermont and North Macedonia established a partnership under the National Guard State Partnership Program;

Whereas, in 1995, the United States and North Macedonia established full diplomatic relations;

Whereas, in 2008, the United States signed a Declaration of Strategic Partnership and Cooperation with North Macedonia;

Whereas, in June 2022, North Macedonia held a strategic dialogue with the United States, marking a significant bilateral milestone and step toward implementation of the Declaration of Strategic Partnership and Cooperation;

Whereas, on May 29, 2025, United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with North Macedonia Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Timčo Mucunski, commended the strong relationship between the two countries, and highlighted mutual interests in regional stability, economic cooperation, and NATO;

Whereas North Macedonia has demonstrated its importance to the European Union and the United States as a security partner and NATO ally, providing Ukraine with humanitarian aid and considerable military equipment, voting in favor of United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions against Russian aggression, and adopting all European Union sanctions on the Russian Federation;

Whereas the resolution of the naming dispute between Greece and North Macedonia paved the way for North Macedonia's NATO membership and candidacy for membership in the European Union;

Whereas the Government of North Macedonia has demonstrated its commitment to Euro-Atlantic integration through alignment with the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union; and

Whereas September 8, 2025, marks the 34th anniversary of the independence of North Macedonia, a moment to reflect on the country's achievements in establishing and maintaining a resilient democracy in the service of the freedom and prosperity of the people of North Macedonia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) extends congratulations and best wishes to
3 the people of North Macedonia as they celebrate the
4 34th anniversary of their independence;

5 (2) honors the bond of friendship between the
6 United States and North Macedonia and the shared
7 values of freedom, democracy, and good governance;

8 (3) recognizes the cooperation between the
9 State of Vermont and North Macedonia and the
10 partnership between the Vermont National Guard
11 and the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia;

12 (4) appreciates North Macedonia's continued
13 commitment to the Prespa Agreement;

14 (5) honors five years of shared security, collec-
15 tive defense, and joint military alliance with North
16 Macedonia as a member of the North Atlantic Trea-
17 ty Organization;

1 (6) appreciates North Macedonia's active role in
2 fostering peace and stability in Eastern Europe and
3 the Western Balkans and advancing democratic re-
4 forms and Euro-Atlantic integration, and its align-
5 ment with positions of the European Union and the
6 United States on security and foreign policy; and

7 (7) looks toward many more decades of shared
8 prosperity, peace, cooperation, and friendship.

