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Celebrating the July 2026 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Ankara, Türkiye, and reaffirming priorities pertaining to transatlantic security and the United States commitment to NATO.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the July 2026 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Ankara, Türkiye, and reaffirming priorities pertaining to transatlantic security and the United States commitment to NATO.

Whereas the July 2026 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit (also known as the “Ankara Summit”), was held on July 7–8, 2026, in Ankara, Türkiye, and convened all 32 NATO Allies and NATO Partners.

Whereas the Ankara Summit took place during the fifth year of the Russian Federation’s unprovoked, illegal, full-scale war against Ukraine;

Whereas, at the Ankara Summit all NATO Allies reaffirmed our collective defense under article 5 of the Washington Treaty;

Whereas at the Ankara Summit all NATO Allies reaffirmed the Alliance’s “unwavering support for Ukraine in defending its freedom, sovereignty, and territorial integrity” and collectively pledged \$80,000,000,000 in military equipment, assistance, and training for Ukraine in 2026;

Whereas, to further strengthen its capabilities for collective defense, at the 2025 NATO Summit in the Hague, Netherlands, all members of NATO committed to defense spending of 5 percent of each country’s gross domestic product, which includes a commitment to spend 1.5 percent of each country’s gross domestic product on investments in defense related infrastructure and capabilities, by 2035;

Whereas core defense spending among our NATO Allies has increased by more than \$139,000,000,000 in 2025 compared with 2024;

Whereas NATO continues to support efforts to maintain stability in the Western Balkans, particularly through the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and NATO Headquarters Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which closely coordinates with the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Operation Althea, the European Union force that is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Bosnia and Herzegovina (also known as the “Dayton Agreement” or the “Dayton Accords”), done at Dayton November 21, 1995;

Whereas each NATO communique since the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has acknowledged Russia as a significant and direct threat to NATO Allies;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation, in addition to continuing its campaign of aggression and violence against the people of Ukraine, has conducted hybrid warfare against NATO Allies, including specific efforts to—

- (1) violate Romania's air space through numerous drone incursions, including on May 29, 2026, when a Russian drone struck a residential building in Galati, injuring civilians;

- (2) conduct reconnaissance on the United Kingdom's critical undersea cable and energy infrastructure using the Russian intelligence-gathering vessel, Yantar; and

- (3) attack and disrupt railroad infrastructure and commercial air cargo in Poland, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

Whereas these threats have prompted NATO to respond with strengthened resolve through joint military exercises, such as Baltic Sentry, launched in January 2025, and Arctic Sentry, launched in February 2026, and with critical support to Ukraine to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity through such actions as the Prioritized Ukraine Requirements List (PURL) initiative;

Whereas our NATO Allies and Partners have committed more than \$4,800,000,000 to Ukraine's defense through the PURL initiative;

Whereas the Ankara Summit welcomed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to discuss NATO continued support for Ukraine's defense against Russian aggression; and

Whereas Senator Lindsey Graham attended the NATO Summit in Ankara during his final overseas trip before his sudden passing: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reaffirms the enduring bipartisan commitment of the United States Senate to the North Atlantic Treaty and the United States obligations to
3 NATO collective defense under article 5 of the Treaty;
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5 (2) commends our NATO Allies for committing
6 \$80,000,000,000 in support for Ukraine in 2026 at
7 the Ankara Summit and for delivering on a significant increase in defense spending across the Alliance;
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9 (3) recognizes that all 32 NATO Allies, including the United States, have pledged to invest at
10 least 5 percent of their gross domestic product on
11 defense and defense related spending by 2035, and encourages all Allies to formalize plans to meet this
12 benchmark;
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14 (4) calls on the Department of Defense to engage the Department of State in its force posture review to ensure that all NATO Allies and United
15 States partners are consulted and fully engaged in
16 the review process; and
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1 (5) welcomes NATO continued support for
2 Ukraine through the Ukraine Defense Contact
3 Group and the PURL initiative, and encourages all
4 NATO Allies to continue significant support for
5 Ukraine in sustaining its fight against Russian ag-
6 gression.

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