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Reaffirming the unity of the North Atlantic Alliance commitment.

Whereas thirty years ago the Congress passed the Vandenberg Resolution, which has come to represent the highest qualities of bipartisan statesmanship; and

Whereas the North Atlantic Alliance has preserved the peace in Europe for an entire generation, allowing its members to attain unprecedented levels of prosperity and well-being for their people; and

Whereas the leaders of the Alliance will gather in Washington, D.C., on May 30 and 31, 1978, to renew their adherence to its principles and rededicate themselves to its objectives; and

Whereas this meeting will be the capstone of efforts to ensure that the needs of collective security will be met over the next decade: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the North Atlantic Alliance be reaffirmed as a vital commitment and cornerstone of United States foreign policy, and that the bipartisan spirit that inspired its birth be rededicated to the purpose of strengthening it further in the cause of peace and security.

SEC. 2. The Congress recognizes the extraordinary success of the North Atlantic Alliance in fulfilling its goals of safeguarding the freedom, common heritage and civilization of its peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.

SEC. 3. On the occasion of the NATO summit meeting in Washington, the Congress declares its support for efforts to reaffirm the unity of the North Atlantic Alliance, to strengthen its defensive capabilities to meet threats to the peace, and on this basis to persevere in attempts to lessen tensions with the Warsaw Pact States.

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