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Expressing appreciation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the individual countries of Europe for providing or offering military forces and other assistance in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the campaign against international terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself and Mr. HILLIARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the individual countries of Europe for providing or offering military forces and other assistance in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the campaign against international terrorism.

Whereas NATO on September 12, 2001, invoked, for the first time in the history of the Alliance, article V of the North Atlantic Treaty, which states that “an armed attack against one or more of the Allies in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all”, and subsequently adopted measures to be

taken individually and collectively to operationalize Article V in support of the campaign against terrorism;

Whereas the European Union on September 21, 2001, approved a plan of action to combat terrorism that included enhancing law enforcement and judicial cooperation, and subsequently has adopted initiatives to facilitate cooperation between the European Union and the United States in areas including police and judicial procedures, aviation and transport security, financial services policy, export control and nonproliferation, and border controls;

Whereas 17 countries of Central and Eastern Europe on November 6, 2001, at the Warsaw Conference on Combating Terrorism agreed to regional cooperation in fighting international terrorism, and adopted an action plan calling for increased cooperation and information exchange in the areas of intelligence, policing, financial services and border controls;

Whereas on December 4, 2001, the 55 member nations of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe unanimously adopted a plan which includes enhanced police cooperation against suspected terrorists and terrorist organizations and steps to cut off international financial assistance to militant groups and suspected terrorist organizations; and

Whereas several individual countries of Europe, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Turkey, Italy, the Czech Republic, and Poland, have contributed actual military forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and others have offered to contribute military support and humanitarian assistance: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) expresses appreciation to the North Atlantic
2 Treaty Organization, the European Union, the Or-
3 ganization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,
4 and the individual countries of Europe for providing
5 or offering military forces and other assistance in
6 support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the
7 campaign against international terrorism; and

8 (2) reaffirms the importance of the trans-
9 atlantic relationship and of the commitment and
10 support of our European allies and partners.

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