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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2004

Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. LUGAR, without amendment

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Whereas the United States and Singapore have a strong and enduring friendship;

Whereas the United States and Singapore share a common vision in ensuring the continued peace, stability, and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas Singapore is a member of the coalition for the reconstruction of Iraq and is a strong supporter of the efforts of the coalition to stabilize and rebuild Iraq;

Whereas Singapore is a steadfast partner with the United States in the global campaign against terrorism and has worked closely with the United States to fight terrorism around the world;

Whereas Singapore is a core member of the Proliferation Security Initiative and is committed to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas Singapore has provided valuable support to the United States Armed Forces, including permitting such Forces to use the state-of-the-art Changi Naval Base;

Whereas Singapore is the 11th largest trading partner of the United States;

Whereas Singapore was the first country in Asia to enter into a free trade agreement with the United States;

Whereas Singapore, which has one of the busiest ports in the world, was the first country in Asia to join the Container Security Initiative (CSI), a key initiative of the United States Customs Service that is designed to prevent terrorist attacks through the use of cargo;

Whereas Singapore is a leader in biological research, has established a regional Emerging Diseases Intervention Center, and is leading efforts to respond to new health

threats, including emerging diseases and the use of biological agents;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and Singapore is reinforced by strong ties of culture, values, commerce, and scientific cooperation; and

Whereas relationship and international cooperation between the United States and Singapore is important and valuable to both countries: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) welcomes the Prime Minister of Singapore,  
3       His Excellency Goh Chok Tong, to the United  
4       States;

5               (2) expresses profound gratitude to the Govern-  
6       ment of Singapore for its assistance in Iraq and its  
7       support in the global campaign against terrorism;  
8       and

9               (3) reaffirms the commitment of the United  
10      States to the continued expansion of friendship and  
11      cooperation between the United States and Singa-  
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