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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States-European
Union Summit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the
following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United
States-European Union Summit.

Whereas the United States and the European Union have
built a strong transatlantic partnership based upon the
common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and
human rights;

Whereas working together to promote these values globally
will serve the mutual political, economic, and security in-
terests of the United States and the European Union;

Whereas cooperation between the United States and the Eu-
ropean Union and its member states on security issues
such as terrorism, the Middle East peace process, the
proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic
missile technology, and the nuclear activities of rogue na-

tions is important for promoting freedom, democracy, and international peace and security;

Whereas the common efforts of the United States and the European Union and its member states have supported freedom in countries throughout the world;

Whereas through coordination and cooperation during emergencies such as the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, and the AIDS pandemic in Africa, the United States and the European Union have mitigated the effects of humanitarian disasters across the globe;

Whereas economic cooperation such as removing impediments to transatlantic trade and investment, integrating capital markets, and ensuring the safe and secure movement of people and goods across the Atlantic will increase prosperity and strengthen the partnership between the United States and the European Union; and

Whereas although disagreements between the United States and the European Union have existed on a variety of issues, the transatlantic relationship remains strong and continues to improve: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) welcomes the leadership of the European
3 Union to the 2005 United States-European Union
4 Summit to be held in Washington, DC, on June 20,
5 2005;

6 (2) highlights the importance of the United
7 States working together with the European Union
8 and its member states to promote freedom, democ-

1 racy, rule of law, human rights, security, and eco-
2 nomic prosperity;

3 (3) recommends—

4 (A) expanded political dialogue between
5 Congress and the European Parliament; and

6 (B) that the 2005 United States-European
7 Union Summit focus on both short and long-
8 term measures that will allow for vigorous and
9 active expansion of the transatlantic relation-
10 ship;

11 (4) encourages—

12 (A) the adoption of practical measures to
13 expand the United States-European Union eco-
14 nomic relationship by reducing obstacles that
15 inhibit economic cooperation; and

16 (B) expanded cooperation between Con-
17 gress and the European Union and its member
18 states on security issues.

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