

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4346

To encourage continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty
Organization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2014

Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McKEON, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To encourage continued enlargement of the North Atlantic
Treaty Organization.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “NATO Alliance Rec-
5 ognition and Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On March 12, 2014, the North Atlantic
9 Treaty Organization (NATO) marks the 15th anni-

1 versary of enlargement through the accession of 3
2 Central European countries: the Czech Republic, Po-
3 land, and Hungary.

4 (2) On March 29, 2014, NATO marks the 10th
5 anniversary of enlargement through the accession of
6 7 Central European countries: Bulgaria, Estonia,
7 Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

8 (3) On April 7, 2014, NATO marks the 5th an-
9 niversary of enlargement through the accession of
10 Albania and Croatia.

11 (4) The incorporation of these European coun-
12 tries into NATO has contributed toward a vision of
13 Europe that is aimed at promoting stability and co-
14 operation, at building a Europe whole and free,
15 united in peace, democracy and common values.

16 (5) Since joining the Alliance, these 12 member
17 states have contributed to numerous NATO-led
18 peace and security and stability operations, including
19 participation in the International Security Assist-
20 ance Force's (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan.

21 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.**

22 Congress declares that—

23 (1) NATO has been the cornerstone of trans-
24 atlantic security cooperation and an enduring instru-

1 ment for promoting stability in Europe and around
2 the world for over sixty-five years;

3 (2) the incorporation of the Czech Republic, Po-
4 land, Hungary, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lith-
5 uania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Albania, and
6 Croatia has been essential to the success of NATO
7 in this modern era;

8 (3) the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Bul-
9 garia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slo-
10 vakia, Slovenia, Albania and Croatia has over time
11 added to and strengthened the list of key European
12 allies of the United States;

13 (4) since joining NATO, these member states
14 have remained committed to the collective defense of
15 the Alliance and have demonstrated their will and
16 ability to contribute to transatlantic solidarity and
17 assume increasingly more responsibility for inter-
18 national peace and security;

19 (5) these NATO member states have become re-
20 liable partners and supporters of aspiring members,
21 and the United States recognizes their continued ef-
22 forts to aid in further enlargement initiatives; and

23 (6) the commitment by these NATO members
24 to Alliance principles and active participation in Alli-

1 ance initiatives shows the success of NATO's Open-
2 Door Policy.

3 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States should remain committed
6 to maintaining a military presence in Europe as a
7 means of promoting allied interoperability and pro-
8 viding visible assurance to NATO allies in the re-
9 gion; and

10 (2) at the September 2014 NATO Summit in
11 Wales, the United States, along with NATO allies,
12 should continue to pursue enlargement initiatives for
13 the aspirant countries.

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