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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 Admission of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- 3 FOR the purpose of urging the President and Congress of the United States to support
- 4 the petition of the Republic of Poland for admission to the North Atlantic Treaty
- 5 Organization and to support the establishment during 1997 of a timetable for the
- 6 admission of the Republic of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland is a free, democratic, and independent nation with a long and proud history; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is dedicated to the 10 preservation of freedom and security of its member nations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland desires to share in both the benefits and
- 12 obligations of NATO in pursuing the development, growth, and promotion of democratic
- 13 institutions and ensuring free market economic development; and
- WHEREAS, Poland recognizes its responsibilities as a democratic nation and
- 15 wishes to exercise such responsibilities in concert with members of NATO; and
- WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland desires to become part of NATO's efforts to
- 17 prevent the extremes of nationalism; and
- WHEREAS, The security of the United States is dependent upon the stability of
- 19 Central Europe; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
- 21 President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully
- 22 urged to support the petition of the Republic of Poland for admission to the North
- 23 Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further
- 24 RESOLVED, That the President of the United States and the Congress of the
- 25 United States support the establishment during 1997 of a timetable for the admission of
- 26 the Republic of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
- 28 Legislative Reference to the President of the United States; the Presiding Officer of both
- 29 branches of the United States Congress; the Maryland Congressional Delegation:
- 30 Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington,
- 31 D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L.

- 1 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings,
- 2 and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and Jerzy
- 3 Kozminski, Ambassador, Republic of Poland.