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RESOLUTION NO.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____

1 A Senate 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.

7 WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland is a free, democratic, and independent nation
8 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

14 WHEREAS, Poland recognizes its responsibilities as a democratic nation and
15 wishes to exercise such responsibilities in concert with members of NATO; and

16 WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland desires to become part of NATO's efforts to
17 prevent the extremes of nationalism; and

18 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

1 RESOLVED, That the President of the United States and the Congress of the
2 United States support the establishment during 1997 of a timetable for the admission of
3 the Republic of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Reference to the President of the United States; the Presiding Officer of both
6 branches of the United States Congress; the Maryland Congressional Delegation:
7 Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington,
8 D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L.
9 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings,
10 and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and Jerzy
11 Kozminski, Ambassador, Republic of Poland.