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H. RES. 253

Recommending the integration of the Republic of Slovakia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Recommending the integration of the Republic of Slovakia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia came into existence with its peaceful separation from the Czech Republic in 1993;

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia has demonstrated the maturity of its democracy by the recent peaceful transition of power;

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Slovakia has shown a clear desire to continue and progress with improvements in the areas of the human rights, civil society, and a free market economy;

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia has made significant strides in addressing its human rights record with the placement of three ethnic Hungarians in the cabinet of

the government, including the Deputy Premier for Human and Minority Rights and has stated its determination to conform to the standards of the Council of Europe;

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia has continually worked to retain civilian control of its military through participation with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces, and has shown willingness to work with North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces through activities such as the Partnership for Peace program, peacekeeping missions to Bosnia, and United Nations operations to Rwanda and Liberia;

Whereas members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization community have been involved in the development of the military of the Republic of Slovakia;

Whereas one of the stated goals of the Government of the Republic of Slovakia is to “create all of the conditions necessary for the Republic of Slovakia to become a standard democratic state and a stable element in the region”;

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia is geographically located in a strategically significant position between the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland, all three of which were included in the first round of North Atlantic Treaty Organization expansion;

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been a pillar of peace, stability, and freedom in Europe since 1949; and

Whereas the Republic of Slovakia has stated as one of its strategic priorities becoming a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as quickly as possible: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the Republic of Slovakia should be com-
4 mended for progressing toward political and eco-
5 nomic liberty and for its efforts to meet the guide-
6 lines for prospective North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
7 zation (NATO) members set out in Chapter 5 of the
8 September 1995 Study on NATO Enlargement;

9 (2) the Republic of Slovakia would make signifi-
10 cant contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
11 ganization;

12 (3) extension of the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
13 ganization to include the Republic of Slovakia would
14 significantly benefit the security and peace of Eu-
15 rope and the region as a whole; and

16 (4) the Republic of Slovakia should be invited
17 to be a full member of the North Atlantic Treaty
18 Organization alliance at the earliest opportunity.

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