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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should not have granted diplomatic recognition to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has strong and enduring economic, political, and strategic ties with the Hellenic Republic of Greece;

Whereas Greece has been a strategic ally of the United States in the Eastern Mediterranean during every major conflict in this century;

Whereas historical and archaeological evidence demonstrates that the ancient Macedonians were Greek;

Whereas Macedonia is a Greek name that has designated the northern area of Greece for over 2,000 years;

Whereas in 1944 the United States opposed the changing of the name of the Skopje region of Yugoslavia by Marshall Tito from Vardar Banovina to Macedonia as part of a campaign to gain control of the Greek province of Macedonia, and the major port city of Salonika;

Whereas the regime in Skopje has persisted in inflaming tensions between it and Greece through a sustained propaganda campaign and the continued use of an ancient Greek symbol, the Star of Vergina, in its flag;

Whereas the Skopje regime has refused to remove paragraph 49 from its constitution, a reference to the 1994 declaration by the then communist regime calling for the “unification” of neighboring territories in Greece and Bulgaria with the “Macedonian Republic”;

Whereas Greece has no claim on the territory of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and has repeatedly reaffirmed the inviolability of all borders in the area of the two countries; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the United States to oppose any expansionist or irredentist policies in order to promote peace and stability in the area: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—*

3 (1) the President should not have extended dip-
4 lomatic recognition to the Skopje regime that insists
5 on using the Greek name of Macedonia; and

6 (2) the President should reconsider this deci-
7 sion and withdraw diplomatic recognition until such

1 time as the Skopje regime renounces its use of the
2 name Macedonia, removes objectionable language in
3 paragraph 49 of its constitution, removes symbols
4 which imply territorial expansion such as the Star of
5 Vergina in its flag, ceases propaganda against
6 Greece, and adheres fully to Conference on Security
7 and Cooperation in Europe norms and principles.

